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Pakistani President begins consultations

## Benazir will get the first chance to form cabinet

ISLAMABAD, Nov 22, (Agencies): Populist leader Benazir Bhutto and her conservative rival, Nawaz Sharif, met separately with Pakistan's President Ghulam Ishaq Khan today to discuss the formation of a government.

Ishaq Khan told a cabinet meeting yesterday that he has decided Benazir should be given the first chance to form the next government, official sources said.

Four senior government sources speaking in separate interviews said Ishaq Khan acknowledged to the cabinet that Benazir had enough support from independent and small parties to command a National Assembly majority.

### Chance

The sources said Ishaq Khan expressed the opinion that she must be asked to put together the next administration before any other political leader.

"Benazir should be given the first chance to form a government," one source quoted the President as saying.

Benazir arrived in Islamabad from the southern port of Karachi to be greeted by thousands of cheering supporters at the airport. She went straight to the presidential palace for a meeting with Ishaq Khan.

The President also met with Nawaz Sharif, head of the Islamic Democratic Alliance, a government-backed coalition, and is to meet leaders of smaller parties and groups over the next three days to discuss the next government.

The PPP gained the largest number of National Assembly seats in Wednesday's general

elections, but failed to secure an absolute majority.

The President will appoint a prime minister from whichever party he believes can command a majority in the lower house of Parliament.

Justice Minister Waseem Sajid said in a statement Ishaq Khan had "started a process of consultations with the leaders of the major parties and groups to assess their real strength in the house... with a view to making up his mind about the person to be called upon to form a government."

Benazir has consistently maintained that the President has "no choice" but to ask her to form the next government based on the results and that she further had the support of enough independent and small parties to command a majority.

However, Sharif, Chief Minister of Punjab province and the most senior IDA leader to win a seat, claims he can form a broad-based federal government, "minus the PPP."

Benazir expressed impatience today at not yet being designated as the prime minister despite her election victory last week.

### Promised

"We won the election and democracy was promised," she said in a US television interview. "So why is there any hesitation now?"

Benazir said in the interview she hoped to expand US-Pakistani relations beyond the strategic interests on which she said they were based under President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

"I think the last decade the relationship was guided more by strategic interests," she said.

"Many other areas of American concern... such as human rights were neglected," she said. "So I think a democratic government can better share even additional roles of interest than a dictatorial one."

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### Gained

The sources said the President's proposal was opposed by most of the cabinet, who are all members of the Pakistan Muslim League, the chief component party of the IDA, and several of whom lost their National Assembly seats in the elections. However, Ishaq Khan alone will decide who to name as prime minister.

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ting on the opposition benches in the National Assembly."

Results from 215 of 217

National Assembly seats contested on Wednesday gave the PPP 99, an ally seven, the IDA 57, and smaller parties and independents 52. A further 20 seats in the assembly are reserved for women, who are elected by the existing members.



Mulroney and wife, Mila, wave to the cheering victory celebration crowd in Quebec as sons Benedict (second left) and Mark look on. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mulroney returned to office with reduced majority

TORONTO, Nov 22, (Agencies): Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called today for national healing after voters returned him to office with a weakened majority government that nonetheless protected the US-Canada free trade pact.

Mulroney's Progressive Conservative Party won yesterday's national election as Canadians accepted the "Leap of faith" that the 10-year deal to eliminate all remaining trade barriers with their southern neighbour was good for the country.

### Compared

It was the first time since 1953 that a party won consecutive majority governments, and the first time this century for the Conservatives. But it was a slim margin for Mulroney than in 1984, when he led the Conservatives to one of the most impressive landslides in Canadian history.

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In the newly expanded 295-seat House of Commons, the Conservatives won 169 seats yesterday as compared to 211 out of 282 seats in the 1984 election.

Official figures with 95 per cent of the vote counted showed the opposition Liberal Party, led by John Turner, with 82 seats, more than double its 40 of four years ago, and the socialist New Democratic Party of Ed Broadbent with 44 seats, up from 30.

Both Turner and Broadbent vehemently opposed the trade pact, signed Jan 2 by Mulroney and US President Reagan, saying Canada would be beholden to America. The pact, passed by the US Congress, requires ratification by Canada's Parliament.

"Canadians have... indicated the road they wish to follow," the prime minister told a rally early today in his hometown of Baie-Comeau, Quebec. "We will proceed to bring greater unity,

harmony and prosperity to Canada."

The Canadian Press News Agency said the Conservatives had 5.4 million votes, the Liberals 4.05 million and the New Democrats 2.4 million.

### Hailed

Americans hailed the Canadian election results today by buying up Canadian dollars in the wee hours of the morning and looking ahead to a new era of free trade.

Only moments after it became apparent that Mulroney had won re-election, American traders started buying Canadian dollars on telephones at the Canadian consulate in New York.

Hectic trading sent the Canadian dollar up to \$1.1960 from 1.2060 late yesterday and \$1.23 last Friday, a big jump in a currency by any standards.

White House officials expressed delight last night with Canadian election results.

### Israeli jets bomb PLO bases

## Rival Army parades mark Lebanon's Independence Day

SIDON, Lebanon, Nov 22, (Agencies): Israeli jets and helicopter gunships bombed two Palestinian positions in south Lebanon today, killing one guerrilla and wounding seven, as rival Army parades marked Lebanon's Independence Day.

Four jets and three helicopters struck at the positions near a refugee camp in the south Lebanon port.

One attack flattened a two-storey base of guerrillas loyal to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat on the southwestern edges of the Al Hilweh shanty town.

In another run, they hit a one-storey sleeping quarters of Arafat's men only 50 metres (yards) away, set amid orange groves near a main road linking Ain Al Hilweh to Sidon.

Both bases were levelled by the 15-minute raid during which the jets and helicopters unleashed some 14 rockets.

The sources said the raid killed a Palestinian guerrilla and wounded seven. Four other guerrillas, still trapped under the rubble of one position, were feared dead.

Some of the rockets blasted two jeep-mounted anti-aircraft guns at the outskirts of Ain Al

Hilweh, the biggest settlement in Lebanon and Arafat's last bastion after his men were driven out from two Beirut camps in June by pro-Syrian Palestinians.

The raid was the 24th on Lebanon by Israel this year.

As the Israelis bombed Arafat's bases, Muslims and Christian troops of Lebanon's divided Army marched past their leaders today in displays of military muscle that starkly illustrated the widening rifts in the war-weary country.

### Crippled

For the first time since independence from France in 1943, Lebanon celebrated its National Day with no president, no rival governments, a crippled Parliament and an Army split in two.

The military parades, one reviewed by Suni Muslim General Sami Al Khatib and the other by Christian Army commander General Michel Aoun, highlighted the rift between the factions.

Aoun was appointed by outgoing Maronite Christian President Amine Gemayel in September to head an interim government until parliament can elect a new head of state.

But Selim Hoss, a Sunni

Muslim and last prime minister under Gemayel, insists with Syrian backing that he still heads the only legitimate government. He fired Aoun as Army chief earlier this month and named Khatib as a temporary replacement.

The National Day processions, one in East and the other in West Beirut, started with the national anthem and both Khatib and Aoun laying wreaths at monuments to fallen soldiers.

Smart, well-drilled Christian soldiers armed with US-made M-16 rifles marched past as ageing British-built Hawker Hunter jets and French-designed Puma and Gazelle helicopters flew overhead.

The Muslim parade nearly matched the Christian one in organisation, but lacked the sophisticated weaponry, equipment and trained troops of the rival process.

Military bands played as flags fluttered on each side of the Green Line.

Addressing his mainly Muslim troops, Khatib said: "We are responsible for protecting Lebanon's border, dignity, and

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## GCC defence ministers meet to plot strategy

RIYADH, Nov 22, (Reuters): After 10 days of joint military exercises testing their forces' mettle, Gulf defence ministers gathered in Riyadh today to discuss modernising and upgrading their military capability.

The six Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) ministers are meeting for the first time since the Aug 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

Secretary-General Abdallah Bishara told an opening session of talks between the six-nation group's ministers that effective measures were needed to face any future threats.

"The talks will be in harmony with the region's security realities and though they have improved, fluctuations still remain possible. Alertness is needed and effective measures are necessary," Bishara said.

"The time for relaxation has not come yet... and joint preparation is the decisive response to possible surprises."

Kuwait's Defence Minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al

## Turkey and Iran expel diplomats

ANKARA, Nov 22, (AP): Iran has ordered two Turkish diplomats to leave the country by tomorrow to retaliate for Turkey's expulsion of two Iranian diplomats last month, the Foreign Ministry said.

Two Iranian diplomats, Hamid Reza Karim and Rasoul Bagher Shaiyan, were first detained and later were asked to leave the country for allegedly organising the kidnapping of a dissident in co-operation with a group of pro-Khomeini Iranians here.

Ministry spokesman Inal Baru said today a diplomatic solution to the problem is being sought with Iran before the deadline tomorrow. He refused to give the names of the Turkish diplomats but confirmed Turkish wire service reports that one is from the embassy in Tehran and the other from the consulate in Urfa, a western Iranian city near the Turkish border.

### Retaliating

Iran has made clear in the expulsion order yesterday that it is retaliating for the move against the two Iranians on Oct 28, Baru said.

Security forces found an Iranian engineer, Seyit Ebu Hassan, in the trunk of the Iranian diplomats' car with his arms and legs tied at a highway gas station in the eastern province of Erzincan, police said at the time.

Four other Iranians without diplomatic immunity were arrested Oct 29 as suspects in the kidnapping attempt.

Police Hedarikhsh Shahi and wife Tahereh Ramazani Kalosho, are at Istanbul's Sagmalci prison, prosecutor Faruk Asikoglu of Istanbul's Bakirkoy district said. Their four-year-old daughter is in prison with them because they have no one to look after her, he said.

He identified the two other Iranians in prison as Mehran Bahrani and M. Khesrov Abdullahi Pour.

## Dreaming of love affairs

TOKYO, Nov 22, (AP): Japanese female office workers dream most of having love affairs with their male colleagues, getting divorced or changing their jobs, said a recent survey by a local insurance company.

The poll of 500 men, aged 20 to 60, by the Tokyo-based Fukoku Mutual Life Insurance Co. also found that only 12.8 per cent said their employers require them to focus solely on work matters while in the office.

The poll said 58.4 per cent reported they are allowed to read newspapers on the job and 50.8 per cent said they can leave the office on personal business during working hours.

Asked what they dreamed of doing but knew they could not, 37.4 per cent of the men surveyed in the Tokyo poll said they would like to have love affairs with younger female colleagues in their office and 34.2 per cent said they dreamed of divorcing their wives.

## Unified autobank cards

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A commission of not more than 0.5 per cent will be charged to clients withdrawing money from banks other than theirs.

## DAY BY DAY

CHRISTINA ONASSIS

passed recently.

A day before her death, I was watching a film on the life of her father. Nearing the end of the film, the doctor informs him that as a result of his rare illness which afflicts one in million persons, he is going to die.

On Nov 10, Redman said the administration would take into account "applicable laws and regulations and other pertinent circumstances" if a visa request is received.

The Greek Onassis was strong and clever, but death was stronger and cleverer than him.

Just two days ago, his daughter followed him and must have realised that there are things that money just cannot buy.

Zahed Matar

## WEATHER

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## Britain to continue privatisation drive

LONDON, Nov 22, (Reuters): Queen Elizabeth opened a new term of Britain's Parliament today, setting out a legislative agenda which includes a surprise move to lift the secrecy surrounding the domestic security service.

In her traditional opening address outlining Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's plans, she identified 16 bills to be brought before Parliament in a heavy programme which will further carry forward the government's sweeping privatisation drive.

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## INTERNATIONAL

US team to visit Russian mental hospitals

## Psychiatry used to repress dissidents: Soviet doctor

MOSCOW, Nov 22, (Agencies): Soviet psychiatry was systematically used in the 1970s to suppress dissidents by declaring them mentally ill and committing them to asylums, a doctor has written in the first article printed by state-run media to acknowledge such abuses.

"The leadership was content: In our country, there were no dissidents - there were only insane people," Mikhail I. Buyanov, a psychiatrist and neurologist, wrote in his historical survey of Soviet psychiatry, published by the educational newspaper Uchitel'skaya Gazeta.

Human rights activists in the Soviet Union and abroad have alleged for years that the Kremlin used psychiatric hospitals to incarcerate dissidents who were in fact mentally healthy. Some say the practice began under Josef V. Stalin or Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The government enacted a new law in January that makes it a crime to commit a sane person to a mental institution. But public health officials who have appeared at Moscow news conferences have denied that dissidents were systematically confined to asylums, or avoided ans-

wering the question.

However, Buyanov wrote that with the forcible confinement in 1970 of biologist and dissident writer Zhores Medvedev to a regional psychiatric hospital in Kaluga, "a new chapter began in the history of Soviet psychiatry."

"It's true that before this, people were sent to psychiatric hospitals for reasons that were mostly political, rather than of medical character," Buyanov said in the article which appeared on Saturday. "But after 1970, this was done more and more often."

Medvedev, the brother of Marxist historian Roy Medvedev, was freed after human rights activist Andrei Sakharov, poet and editor Andrei Tvardovsky and others demanded his immediate release. He now lives in Britain.

**Pardoned**

Andrei Koryagin, himself a psychiatrist, was sentenced to seven years in a prison camp in 1981 after accusing Soviet authorities of sending mentally healthy dissidents to hospitals, where they were forced to take drugs.

Koryagin was pardoned by the Supreme Soviet, or parliament, last year, freed from labour camp and emigrated to Switzerland.

**Agreed**

In Washington, the State Department said today that US and Soviet authorities have agreed on the terms for a group of American experts to examine patients at Soviet psychiatric hospitals early next year.

Spokesman Charles Redman said the US team of psychiatrists and other experts was expected to visit the Soviet Union in January. The exact date has not been set.

The agreement, which follows a long series of discussions and an exploratory visit to the Soviet Union by an American team earlier this month, is an attempt to address US concerns that psychiatry and confinement in mental hospitals are used as a political punishment or threat in the Soviet Union.

**Refused**

A spokesman for the Indian government refused comment on the report.

"We cannot comment until the report is verified" said the spokesman, who cannot be identified under government rules.

Amnesty International said the victims included landless labourers campaigning for minimum wages and land reform.

The report mentioned an incident in April 1986 in which police fired on a public meeting in the village of Arwala. At least 23 civilians were killed. The meeting was organised by a left-wing group to support claims to a piece of land by nine villagers.

## Probe starts into killing by Saddam's son

BAGHDAD, Nov 22, (Reuter): Iraq's justice minister set investigators working today on the case of President Saddam Hussein's eldest son, ordered by his father to stand trial for killing a presidential servant.

Akram Abdul Qadir Al Douri appointed two prominent judges and a public prosecutor to begin the probe, after Saddam asked him yesterday for a "proper investigation and trial" of his 24-year-old son Odaï, now being held in jail.

Last month's killing, whispered about for some time, became a subject for open debate among some Iraqis today. Saddam, 51, aroused sympathy among numerous Iraqis with the wording of his message to Al Douri, broadcast on Baghdad Radio.

**Choose**

"I ask you to hold a proper investigation into the incident and a proper trial for Odaï and let God be with those whom you choose to say the fair verdict according to the law, in a way that expresses justice and satisfies God and the community," Saddam told Al Douri.

Saddam said his bodyguard and servant, Kamel Hana Gegeo, died on Oct 19 after Odaï hit him with a stick the previous day.

**South Africa approves peace plan**

PRETORIA, Nov 22, (Reuter): South Africa said today it approved a US-mediated peace plan for Angola and Namibia seen as a breakthrough to solving decades of conflict in Southwestern Africa.

Foreign Minister Piki Botha announced Pretoria's approval of the plan, centred on a withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola, which has already been endorsed by Angola and Cuba.

"This means that the hard nut that had to be cracked has been cracked," Botha told a Pretoria news conference.

Botha added: "A major and very important step has been taken on a long, long road."

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## British shows win three Emmys

NEW YORK, Nov 22. (UPI): British shows won three of the five international Emmy awards last night in ceremonies that presented special honours to Latin American broadcast pioneer Goar Mestre and Italian director Vittorio Boni.

Thirty countries submitted a record 197 programmes for the 16th annual international Emmys awarded at the Sheraton Centre by the International Council of the National Academy of Television, Arts and Sciences.

Fifteen of the shows were nominated in five categories: drama, performing arts, popular arts, documentaries and children and young people.

Mestre, the Argentinian broadcaster born in Cuba, was honoured with the Special Founder's Award, and the Special Directorate Award was presented posthumously to Boni, who died last year.

The drama award went to the United Kingdom for "A Very British Coup" by Sreka Films,

Channel 4 television. "A South Bank Show — Ken Russell's ABC of British Music" by London Weekend Television, LWT, won the Performing Arts category.

## Award

Britain also won the Popular Arts Award, for "The New Statesman" by Yorkshire TV.

The documentary award went to Tros Television in association with BRT Belgian TV and Avia Belgium-Holland for "The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank."

## Iraq, Iran expand health care

GENEVA, Nov 22. (AP): Iraq and Iran have expanded health care for their citizens even during their eight-year war and child mortality is falling in both countries, the head of the UN Children's Fund said today.

The official, UNICEF executive director James Grant, was due to start tomorrow a six-day visit to Iran and Iraq to offer the agency's help in reconstruction efforts following the Gulf war ceasefire announced last August.

UNICEF said it plans to aid both governments equip rural health posts in war-damaged areas. Health and medical supplies worth a total of \$400,000 are due to arrive in each capital within two weeks, a UNICEF announcement said.

Grant, an American, will meet top officials in Tehran and Baghdad and tour war-affected provinces, the announcement said.

"Despite the war, these two countries have done very impressive things in providing health care for their children," Grant said in the announcement. "Both have made exemplary progress in expanding their health networks over the past several years."

"We are seeing child mortality rates plummet in both countries," he said.

Vaccine coverage of children and protection against life-threatening dehydration due to diarrhoea has risen to "enviable levels," he said.

Grant will be in Iran through Friday and in Iraq until Monday.

## Arafat and Mubarak hold marathon round of talks

## US urged to take a progressive step

CAIRO, Nov 22. (Agencies):

President Hosni Mubarak and PLO leader Yasser Arafat have urged the United States to take what Arafat called a "progressive step" in response to the PLO's acceptance of UN resolutions that include an implicit recognition of Israel.

But the two conceded this will take time, with Mubarak warning that all parties must make "sacrifices and concessions."

Mubarak and Arafat spoke to reporters after a marathon round of talks last night focusing on the Arabs' next move following the PLO's proclamation of an independent Palestinian state.

Arafat said they discussed "future moves to give a strong push to the peace effort" in the direction of the Arabs' common goal — an international conference to lay down the foundations of a Middle East peace settlement.

Arafat was asked by a reporter whether he detected a change in the US position after the Palestinian National Council issued a declaration in Algiers accepting the Security Council's Resolutions 242 and 338. Resolution 242 of 1967 sanctions Israel's

right to survival within secure and recognised boundaries while Resolution 338, issued in 1973, calls for an international peace conference.

"No change until now," Arafat replied. "But we will have to work very hard and hope for a progressive step."

Mubarak advised Israel to be patient in its reaction to Egypt's recognition of the newly established Palestinian state.

"Israel should be precise in its statements and should know that we also want peace...." Mubarak said.

Arafat and top aides are expected to confer with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esamat Abdel Maguid to chart a joint approach to Middle East peace.

## Recognition

Nigeria, Kampuchea and Laos today announced they had recognised the Palestinian state.

A senior aide to Arafat was quoted today as saying he expected more than 100 nations to recognise the Palestinian state.

"The independent Palestinian state will enjoy more recognition than Israel does," Bassam Abu Sharif told the Abu Dhabi-based Al Wadah.

"While intensifying the uprising, the PLO will step up political activity... to ensure factors for an effective international peace conference," Abu Sharif said.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was quoted today as saying Israel was blocking efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"Israel's obstinacy has foiled all international efforts to reach a solution to the Middle East crisis," Rajiv told a Syrian daily.

Troops shot and wounded eight Palestinians in the occupied territories today after hundreds of Arabs took to the streets in a pro-independence march and youths hurled rocks at soldiers, Arab reports and hospital officials said.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, troops opened fire when hundreds of marchers raised banned Palestinian flags to support the declaration of the independent Palestinian state, an Arab reporter said.

Three people were wounded, two women aged 18 and 28 and a 90-year-old man, said officials at Al Ittihad and St. John's Hospitals in Nablus. They said all three were shot in the arms or legs.

The Arab reporter said some of the marchers carried a banner declaring: "The Palestine National Council's decisions are an absolute support to the intifada."

In the Gaza Strip, five Palestinian teen-agers were shot by troops during stone-throwing confrontations in three refugee camps, hospital officials said.

The youngest of the wounded was a 13-year-old shot in the left thigh in Khan Yunis refugee camp, said an official at Nasser Hospital. Troops opened fire in the camp after being stoned by dozens of youngsters, an Arab reporter said.

Four other youths, all aged 15 and 16, also were shot in that confrontation and similar clashes in the Shati and Jabalya refugee camps near Gaza City, hospital officials said.

In another development today, Maj. Gen. Amran Mizrahi, military commander of the West Bank, ordered a "thorough investigation" of an incident in which soldiers rampaged through the Kalandia refugee north of Jerusalem and broke windows after their bus was stoned by youths.

## Many hurt in Khartoum clashes

KHARTOUM, Nov 22. (Reuters): Scores of people were injured in clashes in central Khartoum today between southern Sudanese and thousands of Muslim militants protesting about a peace accord which could end five years of civil war.

Police used tear gas and fired in the air to break up battles between rival groups hurling stones at each other, witnesses said.

Groups of Muslim militants shouting "Allahu Akbar" (God is Great) launched several attacks on southerners near the Khartoum office for the southern Upper Nile region, they said.

One witness said the guard at the home of a southern cabinet minister fired on militants as they approached the house in central Khartoum and several of them were injured.

## Surrender

The militants belonged to the National Islamic Front (NIF), third largest partner in Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's coalition government.

The NIF has described as surrender a peace accord signed in Addis Ababa last week by Sudan's co-ruling Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army.

Witnesses said the NIF members were also protesting at a missile attack on a transport aircraft carrying Defence Minister Abdul Maged Hamed Khalil and Sudan's Commander-in-Chief Fathi Ahmed Ali.

Mandi and the military accused the SPLA of firing the missile at the aircraft just after it took off from the southern town of Wau last Thursday, but the rebels denied responsibility. No one was hurt in the attack.

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## UN chief taking charge of some peace-making activities

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 22. (AP): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is taking personal charge of some peace-making activities in Afghanistan, the Middle East and Cyprus formerly carried out by his principal British aide, the UN announced on Monday.

A spokeswoman said the move, which would shift some responsibilities from Under-secretary-General Marrack Goulding, a former British ambassador, was part of structural changes in the UN secretariat.

She said it was made in response to increasing demand for the secretary-general's good offices in the maintenance of international peace and security and for UN peace-keeping operations.

Goulding heads the Office of

Special Political Affairs (OSPA), which had a second under-secretary-general, Diego Cordovez, until he resigned earlier this year to become foreign minister of Ecuador. Cordovez remains the secretary-general's special representative for Afghanistan.

In involved

The OSPA's responsibilities for supporting the secretary-general in his peace-making activities in Afghanistan, the Arab-Israeli conflict, Cyprus and certain other situations are being transferred to the secretary-general's executive office, the announcement said.

Perez de Cuellar wants these activities handled under his direct, personal supervision. Certain staff members will be reassigned from Goulding's

office in the near future.

Goulding will be responsible for the conduct of all existing peace-keeping operations, except the UN Good Offices Mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan (UNGOMAP), and for the planning and conduct of future peace-keeping operations.

Although not mentioned in the announcement, the United Nations could soon be involved in the biggest such operation for many years if a long-delayed independence plan for the South African-ruled territory of Namibia is implemented.

Talks under US auspices recently reached tentative agreement on a timetable for the withdrawal of some 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola, which South Africa has made a condition for Namibian independence.

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# Only Amir can decide on elections

KUWAIT, Nov 22, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad has said that the holding of parliamentary elections is solely the concern of HH the Amir.

In an interview with a local daily Sheikh Jaber Mubarak said, "We all believe that HH the Amir is the best one caring for the interests of Kuwait and its people, and based on this absolute confidence, such a matter (parliament) is a concern of the Amir."

#### Leading

Discussing the recent declaration of an independent Palestinian state, the information minister described the step taken by the PNC as a "leading national event". It was a natural outcome of the pain and sufferings inflicted by the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, he said.

He affirmed that Kuwait upheld the resolutions of the Arab information ministers held recently in Baghdad which backs the nearly one-year-old Palestinian uprising. Kuwait was also one of the first countries to recognise the new born state, he said.

Sheikh Jaber Mubarak emphasized the dark shadow left by the eight-year-old Gulf war on the area's security and stability, as well as its economy and development.

The mass media have played an important role in spreading harmony and love among the people of the region, he said.

Discussing war-torn Leba-

#### UAE signs arms deal with France

ABU DHABI, Nov 22, (AP): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has signed a military deal with France to purchase Crotale surface-to-air missiles, a senior UAE Army officer said Monday.

Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed, deputy supreme commander of the UAE armed forces and Abu Dhabi Emir Crown Prince, announced the agreement at a meeting today with senior Army officers.

No details on the value or size of the deal were given in the report that the official news agency WAM distributed. Unspecific quantities of Crotales are already part of the UAE air defence system.

The deal coincided with the visit of the French Air Force Commander-General Achille Lerche, who met Sheikh Khalifa Monday and discussed military co-operation.

The UAE in the past two days hosted three European military envoys, including Italian Defence Minister Valerio Zanone and British Defence Minister George Younger.

Sources close to the meeting refused to comment on the connection between the visit of Lerche and the long delayed UAE purchase of 36 French-made Mirage 2000 jet fighters.

non, the minister again affirmed Kuwait's supportive stance to Lebanon's unity, saying that the best way to end the crisis is for the Lebanese to sit together and resolve their own problems.

He also hailed the role played by the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) in strengthening ties among peoples of the six member states.

He added that information co-operation among the GCC states is based on strong grounds, noting that heads of Gulf news agencies and editors-in-chief of the newspapers and magazines coordinate their efforts to enhance the media production in these countries.

Regarding the GCC summit to be held in Bahrain next month, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak said the agenda for his high-level gathering will be finalised in the coming few days.

On the Arab front, he said that Kuwait stands alongside any joint Arab effort leading to the best for this nation. Kuwait will not hesitate to take part in the coming Arab summit.

#### Credibility

Locally, the minister saluted the Kuwaiti press and said that it earned credibility not only on the Gulf front, but also across the Arab world.

Speaking of the new press law, he said that it is currently subject to a slow and thorough examination, in which interests of the country and citizens are taken into account, especially those working in the publications field.

#### Airport hotline between Iran and Dubai

ABU DHABI, Nov 22, (Reuter): Iran and Dubai are installing an airport hotline in the wake of the shooting down of an Iranian Airbus by the US Navy in which 290 people were killed.

The link between Bandar Abbas in southern Iran and Dubai on the west of the Gulf will help to ensure safe flights, Mohammed Yehya Al-Sweidi, assistant-undersecretary at the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Communications Ministry, said yesterday.

The Airbus was shot down on July 3 by the US cruiser Vincennes soon after taking off from Bandar Abbas for Dubai. The US Navy said the passenger aircraft was mistaken for a hostile Iranian fighter.

Officials from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) visited Iran and the UAE in August to investigate the disaster and recommended more co-operation between airports in the two countries.

#### Contract signed

KUWAIT, Nov 22, (KUNA): The Minister of Electricity and Water, Homoud Al Rqabah, today signed a KD8.7 million contract with a national company to build 100 secondary electrical transformer stations.

#### Sri Lankan brutally beaten

## Abuse of maids increasing

By Fathima Ahmed

"I CAN'T think of any reason for anyone to beat me," said 22-year-old Sri Lankan maid Suseela Padmaseeli, the latest victim of maid bashing in

Kuwait. Severely beaten with a hose, her nose bleeding and hands and ears swollen, Suseela yesterday fled from her employer's home in Salmiya and took refuge in her embassy.

"I fled from the two-room flat and didn't know where to go. I was standing on the street and crying when a passer-by picked me up and brought me to the Sri Lankan embassy," she said yesterday, with a look of despair in her tearful eyes.

#### Bitten

She is the second such victim in as many weeks this month. Earlier this month, another maid sought refuge after her ear was bitten by her Egyptian employer.

"Brutal treatment of maids has increased in the last four to five years, simply because people are not accustomed to hired help are employing maids," said one diplomat.

Apparently, hiring a maid has become fashionable and a status symbol. And beating maids a pastime.

"Some of the present employers are here to eke out a living; they are not used to looking after the needs — physical and mental — of another human being; they (some employers) are being," he explained.

Previously, incidents such as Suseela's, though not totally

absent, were a rare occurrence. Molestation, however, has always been a dominant problem.

A victim of her Egyptian teacher employer, Suseela claims she has been tortured and beaten up for the last one and a half months. She arrived in Kuwait three months ago. Underfed, overworked and emaciated, she had been putting up with the severe beatings "because I have nowhere else to go."

Yesterday morning, she fled because "I could not take it any longer. She (the employer) came back from work and beat me up, but she never beat me before her husband," she said.

"I was fed only one meal a day — at 3 or 4 pm — each day, if I asked for more food, I was told to finish the work," she said.

Assault is a criminal offence in Kuwait. Over 10 severely beaten maids seek refuge at the Sri Lankan embassy each month. A similar number report rape and between 75 and 150 seek help to recover their dues. Non-payment of salary and beatings are also reported by Indian maids. Filipino domestics also face similar problems.

A majority of ill-treated Sri Lankan maids are "not allowed to correspond with their families back home."

"Employers fear they will be exposed," explained a diplomat.

"I need protection," cries Suseela. Suseela is not alone in making the plea. Other domestics have also made such appeals.

Who should protect you Suseela? She shrugs her shoulders.

How do you want to be protected? She stares blankly.

"Unfortunately, there is no law to protect domestic servants in Kuwait," said one diplomat.

Domestics come under the general law of the state and are given sympathetic treatment when their cases are referred to the police.

Legal action takes over a year, during which the maid is either the responsibility of the "agent" who hired her or the embassy.

The maid is sent to a doctor only after police report is filed, and action against the employer is taken only after getting the medical report.

"There is an urgent need to review and regulate domestic employment," said another diplomat, who deals with similar cases.

Funds

Labour attaches at embassies claim they are "always ready to help our people."

But there are hurdles. For instance, when a maid leaves her employer's home, she has also left behind her passport with the employer. By fleeing, she has committed an offence.

"The act of fleeing from an employer is a misdemeanour, and a maid spoils her case by fleeing," explained a diplomat.

But if she doesn't leave her employer's home, how will she seek help? Ask the diplomats.

Eight of 10 maids who are brutally beaten up want to go back to their country or find employment in a better home.

If they want to return home, embassy officials can raise funds,



Suseela: victim of beating  
(Photo by Amer Jedd)

and provide travel documents. "We can provide travel documents for a one-way journey but the maid can't leave the country unless she obtains an exit visa," explained a diplomat.

The Sri Lankan Minister of Labour, Joseph Michael Perera, who visited Kuwait in October, examined the problem of maids and "studied welfare schemes" for them.

He also broached the subject with the Kuwaiti authorities to "work out a system to protect domestic servants." The Sri Lankan government, diplomats in Kuwait say, is studying the possibility of regulating the export of maids.

"Due to more pressing problems in Sri Lanka, no concrete action has been taken," he said.

India recently imposed an indirect ban on the export of maids. The Philippines has also restricted their supply.

#### British linguist to visit Kuwait

DR Louise Sadler, a linguistics lecturer at Essex University, will visit Kuwait from Friday to Dec 1 to work on a research project with Dr Ali Fargaly from the English Department at Kuwait University.

During her visit, which is sponsored by Kuwait University and the British Council, she will hold a seminar on research in machine translation, at Kuwait University Club on 6.00 pm, Monday.

This will be the second visit by a member of the Department of Linguistics at Essex University to Kuwait University, following Dr Douglas Arnold's visit last year.

#### Italy offers military expertise to UAE

ABU DHABI, Nov 22, (AP): Italian Defense Minister Valerio Zanone arrived today in the United Arab Emirates port city of Dubai and began military cooperation talks with his counterpart, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid.

The official Emirates news agency, WAM, said that Zanone expressed during the meeting "Italy's desire to expand existing frameworks of military cooperation with the UAE."

The Italian defence minister told Sheikh Mohammed, the son of the ruler of Dubai, that Italy is ready to offer the UAE its technical programmes.

#### BAHRAN DIGEST

## Food production up

BAHRAN'S food production has gone up, but farmers should invest in modern equipment, according to Hassan Abdul Karim, the director of farmer service at the Ministry of Agriculture.

He said that Bahrain is nearing the end of a six-year agricultural plan and the government is pleased with what has been achieved.

He explained that although the island could aim to become self-sufficient in some foodstuffs, total self-sufficiency is an impossible dream.

"One hundred per cent self-sufficiency is something we cannot reach because there are so many factors against it such as the availability of land and water," said Karim.

The government has invested BD5 million into irrigation projects aimed at reclaiming 1,700 hectares of land for agricultural projects.

According to Jaffer Habib, director of projects at the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture, farmers are hesitant to use modern equipment.

#### Conference planned

THE second Arab Regional Conference and Energy Law Seminar will be held at the Sheraton Hotel March 5-8.

The conference, organised by the International Bar Association's (IBA) section on energy and natural resources law, will be open to both IBA and non-IBA members.

The IBA is the world's foremost international association of lawyers. Its main aims are to encourage the discussion of problems relating to professional organisations and to promote an exchange of information between legal associations worldwide.

Every two years a major conference is held in which all three sections of the IBA participate. The Arab Regional Committee was formed following the success of the IBA's first Arab Regional Conference and Energy Law Seminar, held in Cairo in 1987.

#### Schools to get air-conditioning

AS PER directives of HH the Amir, plans are under way at the Ministries of Education, Housing, Electricity and Water and Planning to provide schools with air-conditioning systems.

Al Rai Al Aam newspaper quoted Abdul Aziz Al Jarallah, assistant undersecretary for financial affairs at the Ministry of Education as saying that representatives from the Ministries of Public Works, Electricity and Water and Planning are working to implement the Amir's directives.

#### Cost

The cost of the project will be established at meetings scheduled over the coming days.

Air-conditioning will be provided first to elementary schools then to intermediate schools and finally secondary schools the official said.

#### Student sentenced to 5 years

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a university student to five years of rigorous imprisonment for having illicit relations with a teenage girl.

The court was told that the student visited the girl's house in the mornings when her mother and father went to work. The girl and two young children were left at home.

On one occasion, the father of the girl tried to phone the house to enquire about the children but found the line continually busy.

Worried, he rushed to the house and became suspicious when he found a pair of strange shoes.

The court was further informed that a search of the premises revealed the youth hiding in the balcony. The boy was taken to the police station.

The main purpose of his visit was to inspect the Italian contingent preparing to end its assignment in the Gulf at the end of the year, in the light of the Iran-Iraq ceasefire.

Some decided earlier this month to withdraw its contingent which includes five units — two frigates, two minehunters and one supply ship.

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## By Gall Seery

I SUPPOSE we all make mistakes. Backstage is an enormous mistake made by a surprising amount of people. This mistake was put together by no less than three associate producers, three executive producers, one co-producer and a producer. This is a film where the number of producers is only beaten by the number of clichés.

There is also a musical consultant for this film, Laura Branigan. I feel that she should be forgiven for this, because her sins in her role as Kate Lawrence are so very much greater. This is the equivalent of letting the mass murderer off the charge of double parking.

Backstage is a story about a rock star, Laura Branigan, who

## VIDEO CORNER

## A big, big mistake

wants to become an actress, despite the fact that she is about to start a twelve-month tour of America. She throws all this up to go to Australia to act the lead in "The Green Year Passes," a tremendously worthless piece of rubbish. Her agent isn't altogether overjoyed at this, but lets her go ahead. She is disappointed that there is only one script to read — I think it was a miracle that there were any.

What happens? Well naturally, the rock singer is underestimated, proves to have a heart of gold, becomes dearly

loved by all members of cast except the awful ones, and goes on to become a great actress.

Anyway, to backtrack on Backstage, Kate Lawrence goes to a press conference in Australia where she is attacked by Robert Landau, a theatre critic who is seen to have more problems than the rest of the cast put together. Not surprisingly, given the level of ingenuity behind the rest of the plot, he and Kate fall in love, he teaches her to act, and she lands the part of Lena in The Seagull.

All the way through the film, the actors declaim their lines in stilted, loud and silly voices which only change when they are "on stage" — then they become even louder, more stilted and silly. The whole effect is totally saccharine.

Roxanne was something of a vehicle for Steve Martin, and Wise Guys performed much the same function for Danny de Vito, and alas, it also has to be said that Backstage was certainly intended as a vehicle for Laura Branigan. The difference of course is that Steve Martin and Danny de Vito deserve transport. Backstage as a vehicle for Branigan is the equivalent of an ant riding in a clapped out Skoda.

She can't act OK, she can't act when she's acting Kate Lawrence on stage, but she can't act when she's acting the character offstage either. She is the only film actress I have noted who almost allows you to hear the director's instructions — "take two steps, pause, then

turn around and walk to the

table"; everything is wooden, from start to finish.

The play is over, she is going back to America, and she and Robert have to decide whether to stay together or part. She has made him write the words to a song, which she then performs in the allegedly sleazy bar he haunts. If he wrote the words then she deserves him. He gets up and walks away, obviously unable to take the disclosure that the woman who is wooden as an actor is also wooden as a singer.

Everything goes quiet once she gets back to America. Her agent gets her a part in The Seagull — the film doesn't seem interested in the fact that as he

almost certainly would be working on a percentage of earnings basis, he couldn't possibly allow her to accept an acting part as an unknown. However, Robert has disappeared and she is worried about him. Guess what, after her enormous stage triumph, there he is waiting in the wings. Fortunately the film ends here, giving you a chance to rush off and be sick.

## A comic treat

## By Shaun Seekins

THIS week sees the release of two Anglo-American comedies, *A Fish Called Wanda* and *Consuming Passions*. The two films have a kind of link in the sense that Michael Palin acted in the former and wrote the original story for the latter in collaboration with Terry Jones. That is where the comparison ends. *Wanda* is a comic treat in the best tradition of the Ealing studios, whereas *Consuming Passions* resembles a couple of rejected Monty Python sketches from the 1960's and now resuscitated on the strength of the writer's subsequent fame and fortune.

*A Fish Called Wanda* was reviewed earlier this week, so I will refrain from a repetition of the story, suffice it to say that it is a marvellous film which sends the Brits up beautifully, whilst casting a baleful light on the Americans.

*Consuming Passions* is set in a timeless Northern Britain, where people say both "groovy" and "okay yah" and a Morris Minor nestles alongside a Porsche in the executive car park. Hopeful management trainee (Terry Butterworth) arrives to take up a new job at Chumley's Chocolates. After accidentally depositing three workers in the factory vat (thereby, unwittingly, creating a taste sensation), Ian rises and rises up the corporate ladder. The chocolates inevitably need more body so Ian's life becomes a dizzy round of collecting disposable corpses and looking after the less-than-grieving widow (Vanessa Redgrave) of one of the ex-workers.

*Licence To Drive* is a new American teenage comedy which concentrates on the fantastical desire of a 16-year-old boy to get his licence by any means so that he can impress the girl he fancies. The Rescue tells the improbable story of how five teenagers set off to rescue their fathers who have been captured behind North Korean lines during the war.

American Football is available with the Saints vs Chargers and the first Basketball Match of the season has arrived.

Neighbours has just started and Eastenders continues. Two new British comedy series have started, *Allo Allo* and *Double First*. So something for everyone this week including a new bestseller *Act of Betrayal*.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Farwaniya; Video Naut, Tel: 2432809; Video Club, 5724372.

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## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

It is better to debate an important matter without settling it than to settle it without debating it —Anonymous.

## Islamisation bill

## Ershad angered the left and right

By Sheila Teff

DHAKA: Several months after Bangladesh's Parliament declared Islam as the state religion, the effects of the policy remain amorphous. The main steps so far include vague calls for compulsory religious education and setting up a commission to "Islamise" the nation's culture.

But the political debate over President Hussein Muhammad Ershad's designation of Islam as the state religion has not died down.

In pushing the bill, Ershad angered both the political left and right, and appeared to be borrowing a page from the book of another South Asian强man — the late President of Pakistan, Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq. Under the mantle of forging an Islamic society, Zia had focused on refashioning the economy and the inherited Western legal code according to Quranic law (sharia).

Ershad's critics draw a parallel with Zia's efforts to undercut his main rival, Benazir Bhutto. Like his counterpart, they say, Ershad is using religion as a political initiative to quiet his fractious political opposition, which is dominated by two women leaders.

## Blocking

Women's rights activists charge that Ershad's programme is aimed at blocking democratic reforms and barring from office Sheikh Hasina Wajid, daughter of the country's assassinated first president, and Begum Khaleda Zia, widow of a slain military ruler.

Yet, the parallels with Pakistan likely will stop there. For one thing, Ershad, who took power in a coup six years ago, appears to lack the religious zeal and credibility which Zia used to appeal to Pakistan's conservative Muslims.

Even among those who favour sharia, Ershad's programme has its detractors. "General Ershad is not committed to the Islamic state the way Zia was," says Muhammad Kamruzzaman, an official with the fundamentalist party, Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh.

Another key factor, observers say, is that Bangladeshis practise a more laid-back Islam in which extremes are not likely to gain favour.

"Ershad scored a political win by isolating his opposition," says an Asian diplomat in Dhaka. "But the people here are laissez-faire Muslims. Islamisation won't be as effective as in Pakistan."

Hindus, Christians, and other minority groups who grouped together to oppose the bill, however, say they fear persecution by the Muslim majority. Mullahs, Muslim religious leaders, are powerful in the villages and could impose a more strident brand of Islam in the countryside. "There are fears that Islamisation will bring new persecution," says a Western Christian missionary working here.

Like much of the Muslim world, Bangladesh has been influenced by Islamic fundamentalism that grew out of Iran's 1979 revolution. Also, thousands of Bangladeshis lured to the Middle East by the oil boom of the late 1970s have returned home with new ideas about the role of Islam in society.

## Opposition

Ershad's plan also has drawn stiff opposition from women's groups who oppose uranic measures, such as allowing men to take more than one wife, that they would demote women to a second-class status.

But the fears of widespread persecution of minorities have not been borne out. About 20 per cent of Bangladeshis' 110 million people are Hindus, compared to less than five percent in Pakistan. Pakistan, which once included what is now Bangladesh, was founded as an Islamic homeland for the subcontinent's Muslims when British-ruled India was partitioned in 1947. After the 1971 war of independence, Bangladesh became a secular state. The government later incorporated Islamic measures into the constitution, but stopped short of declaring Islam the state religion.

The Christian Science Monitor.

## Hong Kong trying to break bonds of vice

By David Schlesinger

HONG KONG, (Reuter): In an incense-filled room 20 years ago, the elders of a Triad secret society sacrificed a chicken, swore a score of oaths and placed a sword on Ah-Ping's back to make the teenager a member of the Hong Kong underworld.

"It was just like the queen of England making a knight," Ah-Ping said recently. "It meant I was bound to my big brother (boss) and we would be together until death. I respected him and would lay down my life for him."

The Hong Kong government hopes to use an equally solemn ceremony to give Triad members the chance to break their bonds of brotherhood and loyalty with the crime gangs.

Under a scheme scheduled to start in December in the British colony, a special confidential tribunal can give Triad members an "oath of renunciation".

**Oath**

Their taking the oath will be a secret even from the police. But going through the process means the government will not prosecute them for being a Triad member.

Hong Kong's Triads trace their origins to secret patriotic societies founded in late 17th century China in an attempt to overthrow Qing dynasty rulers, regarded as aliens as they came from Manchuria, and restore the Ming dynasty.

But they soon shed their patriotism and became involved in blackmail, drug dealing, gambling, vice, loansharking and protection schemes.

"They are involved in any and every activity where they can make money," said Ho Kam Fai, a member of the government's fight crime committee. "They are businessmen and know just how much they can squeeze."

Police say there is Triad involvement in the wholesale fish and vegetable markets, minibus

and transport companies, and in house decoration, in addition to the gangsters running restaurants, dance halls, night clubs and brothels.

"It would shock you the high class businesses they are involved in," said former member Ah-Ping.

The government hopes the renunciation scheme will deprive the Triads of one source of their power — their membership.

"There are about 100,000 Triad members in Hong Kong but we estimate only 10 to 15 per cent are active," said chief superintendent Dennis Collins of the Hong Kong police.

"What we must do is give them the opportunity of breaking their bonds."

Police say there are about 50 Triad societies in Hong Kong but only 15 are active. Some of the most powerful are the Sun Yee On, 14K, Wo On Lok and Wo Sing Wo, and for their members the society represents their whole life.

The Triads recruit members from overshadowed, squall districts in Hong Kong, where 5.5 million people are crammed into some of the most densely populated areas on earth.

Children join to get protection and as a status symbol, to get recognition and support," said Justina Leung, chairman of the Council of Social Service's Children and Youth Division.

## Duplicates

The fact that the government cannot duplicate the social structure of the Triads is the flaw in the renunciation scheme, said Ah-Ping. He left the Triads four years ago when he joined a Christian drug rehabilitation programme which gave him another life.

"It was only when I found Jesus and a new circle of friends that I was able to turn my back on them. Until I had something to turn to I couldn't leave."

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## US expects strong ties with Pakistan to continue

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): The United States, which was closely allied with Pakistan's late President Zia-ul-Haq, expects continued strong relations with Islamabad if opposition leader Benazir Bhutto becomes prime minister.

US officials and analysts see considerable common ground with Benazir, especially on the crucial issue of Afghanistan.

Benazir who claimed victory after Wednesday's election, said on Friday she was confident Pakistan's most senior military officer would accept her as prime minister and that she expected to be asked to form a government soon.

The military has ruled Pakistan for more than half its 41-year history and its views will be

decisive if Benazir is to form a government.

The Reagan administration applauded the election as an impressive and important step towards strengthening democracy in Pakistan. It said little more, apparently waiting until it was certain which party would govern.

## Warm

But if Benazir does emerge victorious "all indications are we will continue to have a warm and fruitful relationship," a US official told Reuters.

There had been concern in Washington about anti-American sentiments in Benazir's past and in her Pakistan People's Party, but the US administration is encouraged by her repeated assurances that she will work to strengthen ties between the two countries, he added.

He and other officials say the 35-year-old graduate of Radcliffe, now part of Harvard, and Oxford has changed from her younger days and proved to be a realistic, capable and rather moderate politician.

Over the last three or four years, Benazir has frequently visited Washington to meet US officials and assure them they should not fear her ascension to power, one analyst said.

## Optimistic

Representative Stephen Solarz, senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, was also optimistic.

"The apparent results of the election, which appear to have been fair and free, is to lay a firmer foundation for Pakistan-American relations and for greater stability in that nation," the New York Democrat said.

Many US officials and analysts were surprised the election went as well it did.

Zia was killed in a mysterious plane crash last Aug 17 that took the life of US ambassador Arnold Rafael and 28 others.

Zia was Benazir's adversary. He ousted her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, in 1977 as prime minister and later executed him.

Relations between the United States and Pakistan, which were strained in the 1970s, prospered after the Soviet Union dispatched troops to neighbouring Afghanistan in 1979.

Washington sent weapons to Pakistan and Zia proved a loyal ally, serving as the conduit for US aid to mujahideen rebels fighting Soviet troops and their allies in Afghanistan.

US officials, who were in contact with Benazir before the election, seem convinced she will continue that policy.

Selig Harrison, a senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace who met Benazir in Karachi last June, told Reuters US-Pakistan ties under her rule could even be better than under Zia.

This would be due in part to the fact that Benazir is more flexible than her predecessor on a new government in Kabul, he said.

But US officials and other analysts say her position is unclear and add that there is considerable political momentum in Pakistan to keep the programme moving forward.

Nevertheless, most experts see Benazir's major challenge to be running a stable government, coping with her country's debt, working with the military and getting services to her poor constituents — not foreign policy.

favour cutting aid to the resistance before the Soviets withdraw" but is eager to have the refugees return home, he added.

Harrison also says that Benazir is less determined to forge ahead with nuclear arms development in Pakistan, something that has greatly worried Congress and prompted lawmakers to try to cut US aid to Pakistan, targeted at \$4 billion in 1987-88.

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Benazir, by contrast, has no such demand, seeking only stable, representative government, he said.

"She doesn't favour a communist regime nor would she



## Moscow seeks meaningful role in Middle East

By Gerald Nadler

MOSCOW, (UPI): The Soviet recognition on Friday of the PLO's pro-independence of Palestine is meant to nudge Moscow closer to a meaningful role in Middle East diplomacy and to prod the incoming Bush administration for response.

Ever since Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev gained power in 1985, he has endeavoured to give the Kremlin a role in the Middle East peace process. Moscow was dealt out of the game after the 1973 Arab-Israeli war when Secretary of State Henry Kissinger outmanoeuvred Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh, in announcing Moscow's recognition of the independent state proclaimed this week by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said: "The way is being cleared to convening at the earliest opportunity an international conference on the Middle East."

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**Documentary highlights plight of women arrested under  
Pakistan's 'Zina Ordinance'**

**When a woman's word doesn't count ...**

By Shyama Perera

A 13-YEAR-OLD girl is abducted and gang raped by some men in her village.

Because she is a female, her word cannot be accepted as evidence in a court of law. The men claim she was willing. The girl is sentenced to five years imprisonment for leading them into fornication.

The scenario is not fantasy. It is just one of the examples of the injustice and inhumanity of Pakistan's "Zina Ordinance" — the Islamic law which defines adultery, fornication and rape as being crimes against the state.

To add to the complexity, the evidence of women has been inadmissible since 1983. Therefore, all it needs is an accusation of adultery by a husband to put his wife behind bars. The harshest penalty for this crime is death by stoning.

It is these issues that are addressed in a new UK Channel 4 film, *Who Will Cast the First Stone*. Shot secretly in Pakistan and smuggled back to England for editing, the 52-minute documentary studies the case histories of a number of women incarcerated under Zina.

"Over 3,000 women are affected by the Zina Ordinance every year. Even in rape cases, the women are considered responsible for initiating the act."

The minimum penalty is 30 lashes. They get no legal aid and most have no access to a lawyer," explains Sabina Sumar, a Karachi journalist who wrote and co-produced the film which made its debut at this year's London Film Festival.

Admits ...

Even with access to a lawyer, bail is not available until a hearing takes place. This can take years. At the beginning of the film, Roshan Jan, her face completely hidden behind a "burqa", describes how she has been in prison 16 months awaiting trial.

"My husband got another wife without my permission. I filed a divorce petition and he then filed a counter petition saying I had run away with another man," she says. "This was because I had not asked him."

On camera the husband admits paying police to press the charge because: "It's a question of honour." His wife's defence counts for nothing.

In the documentary, another woman in her forties, Ghulam Sabina, tells how she spent four



Women voters in Pakistan's general election last week.

years in jail after a male neighbour with whom she had argued, denounced her as an accomplice to Zina.

A young wife, Shaheeda Parveen, describes being sentenced to death by stoning after a court decided her second marriage was adulterous. "Our blood froze. Our throats were dry. I know women who have burned themselves to death because they believed they would never get justice," she says.

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After public outcry, Shaheeda and her second husband Ahmed were reprieved, but it has ruined her life she says. In a rural community, the shame of imprisonment and denunciation is almost impossible to shake off.

The issue has been taken up by middle class women throughout Pakistan, the only Islamic state in which they have been able to mobilise. At the

forefront is Asma Jahangir, a lawyer who speaks out in the film and who recently risked her liberty to come to London and condemn Zina publicly.

She said: "We are not a barbaric nation, it is only a section of military regime that is barbaric. There is a revulsion in society to such barbaric punishments."

"The question is, does the law reflect reality? If you pick up our legal books it would seem that the women of Pakis-

To add to their shame and degradation, 70 per cent of women imprisoned under Zina say they have been raped by police officers who consider them women of easy virtue.

There are about 7,000 appeals against conviction each year — compared to less than 300 for theft.

Zina was introduced by the military government of President Zia-ul-Haq in 1979. His death earlier this year should herald a change in the laws, but even a government lead by Benazir Bhutto could run into problems.

Ahmed Jamal, the film's co-producer, explained: "Benazir has said she will repeal the Zina Ordinance but she has to be very careful not to upset the mullahs, because they can be very dangerous in opposition."

Shahida Sumar adds: "Benazir's stand is not all that clear. She has said she will repeal Zina but we have no reason to believe her because she also says she will work within Islamic laws. That is something we do not want when it is so clearly discriminatory to women."

**High fashion creeps into the nursery**

By Barbara Bright

PARIS. (Reuters): High fashion, French style, has crept into the nursery.

A Christian Dior hand-embroidered christening gown is a classic choice for royal babies, while sweatshirts and colourful co-ordinated from designers like Sonia Rykiel and Kenzo are the latest thing for the younger set.

Just as French designers often set the trends in ready-to-wear for men and women, the label "Made in France" has a special cachet for babies.

At least seven of Paris' big-name high fashion designers now have an infant or children's line, and brands that French consumers consider medium to upper-range — Petit Bateau, Absorba, Catimini and Trotinette — are rated top of the line in other countries, according to industry sources.

"Our baby clothes have a

high fashion authority in foreign markets," said Jean-Paul Loizeau, a spokesman for Groupe Enfante, the French children's clothing industry.

Christian Dior is the acknowledged grandfather of deluxe outfits for children, and still specialises in classic French designs such as knee-length velvet trousers for boys and taffeta dresses with hand-smocked yokes and lace-trimmed petticoats for girls.

The original idea at Dior's baby boutique, which opened in 1967 as Paris' first designer shop for children, was to create gift items that would attract doting grandparents, godparents and aunts.

The shop's top sellers are its batiste line for babies in white towelling, with pink or blue-edged robes for 620 francs (\$95) and a 170-franc (\$27) bib with a baby Dior insignia.

The metre-long silk baptismal gown, tiered with lace ruffles and embroidered by hand, bears a price-tag of 20,250

francs (\$3,215). A cheaper version comes in fine cotton.

The baby gift idea expanded into custom-made fashions for children up to 12 years old, with new collections each winter and summer.

Dior's success led other designers into the field. The latest is Japanese designer Kenzo, who established a children's line last October and next year will bring out a baby collection.

"Fashion for babies and children is related to a style of life. People who grew up in the colourful anything goes late-60s and 70s wanted the same bright clothes for their children," said Jolbert.

"Now there's a return to tradition ... and those who never wore the classic styles are keen to see them on their kids."

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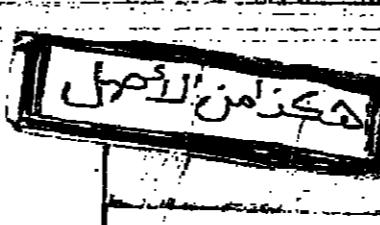
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**Sensational new film hits at the heart of American morality**

**Romance and the single mother**

By William Lowther

A HARROWING new Diane Keaton film on sex and the single mother may cause millions of women to re-evaluate the balance between romance and raising a child.

Not since last year's *Fatal Attraction* has a film had the potential for such impact and shock.

Where *Fatal Attraction* concerned a married man's affair with another woman, *The Good Mother* is about a divorced mother who takes a lover and loses her child as a result.

The film is causing a terrific stir in the US and brings into focus questions long left unanswered when a marriage breaks up and there are children involved. Not since last year's *Fatal Attraction* has a film had the potential for such impact and shock.

She falls unreservedly in love: repressed divorcee becomes sensuous woman.

The new boyfriend moves in and forms an easy rapport with Molly.

One night when Molly awakes with a nightmare, Anna lets the girl climb into bed with her and Leo as they continue to make love.

Leo sits on the bathroom floor reading aloud from children's books as Anna and Molly splash together in the bath.

And then, when Anna is working late, Molly walks into the bathroom while Leo is taking a shower. She sees him nude, and asks if she can touch him.

He lets her do it because, as he explains later, he doesn't want Molly to have hang-ups about sexual matters.

But Molly tells her father. And he, infuriated because Anna has told him he was a terrible lover, goes to court to gain custody of Molly on the grounds that she is living in moral danger. In the process,

Anna loses everything. The film goes to the heart of America's new morality.

For in this country of eight million single mothers, balancing romantic affairs with the duties of being a good mom can be a major domestic problem.

Mrs Keaton says: "It's not as simple as you have sex and you enjoy it, and you pay. Sex in Anna's case is not bad, just badly handled.

"She just lets go, and so late in life. This is the sort of thing you do in adolescence, not in middle life."

Mrs Keaton, who has been linked with men as diverse as Woody Allen and Warren Beatty, but who has never married, adds: "I don't if it's such a good idea to have a child in bed with you when you're making love. That's really a tough one."

The *Good Mother* is directed by Leonard Nimoy, best known as *Star Trek's* Mr Spock.

He says: "We have a tough time in our society dealing with the idea of sexuality in a

mother.

We understand that after a divorce the father can immediately go out and bounce from bed to bed. But with the mother it's, 'Now wait just a minute, let's talk about this. How active is she going to be? Does the kid know about this? and so on. It really is the Madonna/whore question, which is ancient."

But when it comes to the question of right or wrong, Nimoy dances away. He says: "There are people who will say that Brian, the former husband, is absolutely right and Anna made a big mistake."

"And there are people who will say he's an upright pain who doesn't want the kid at all and who's only getting back at her."

"There are people who will say that Leo did exactly the right thing and there are people who will say that Leo should be locked up."

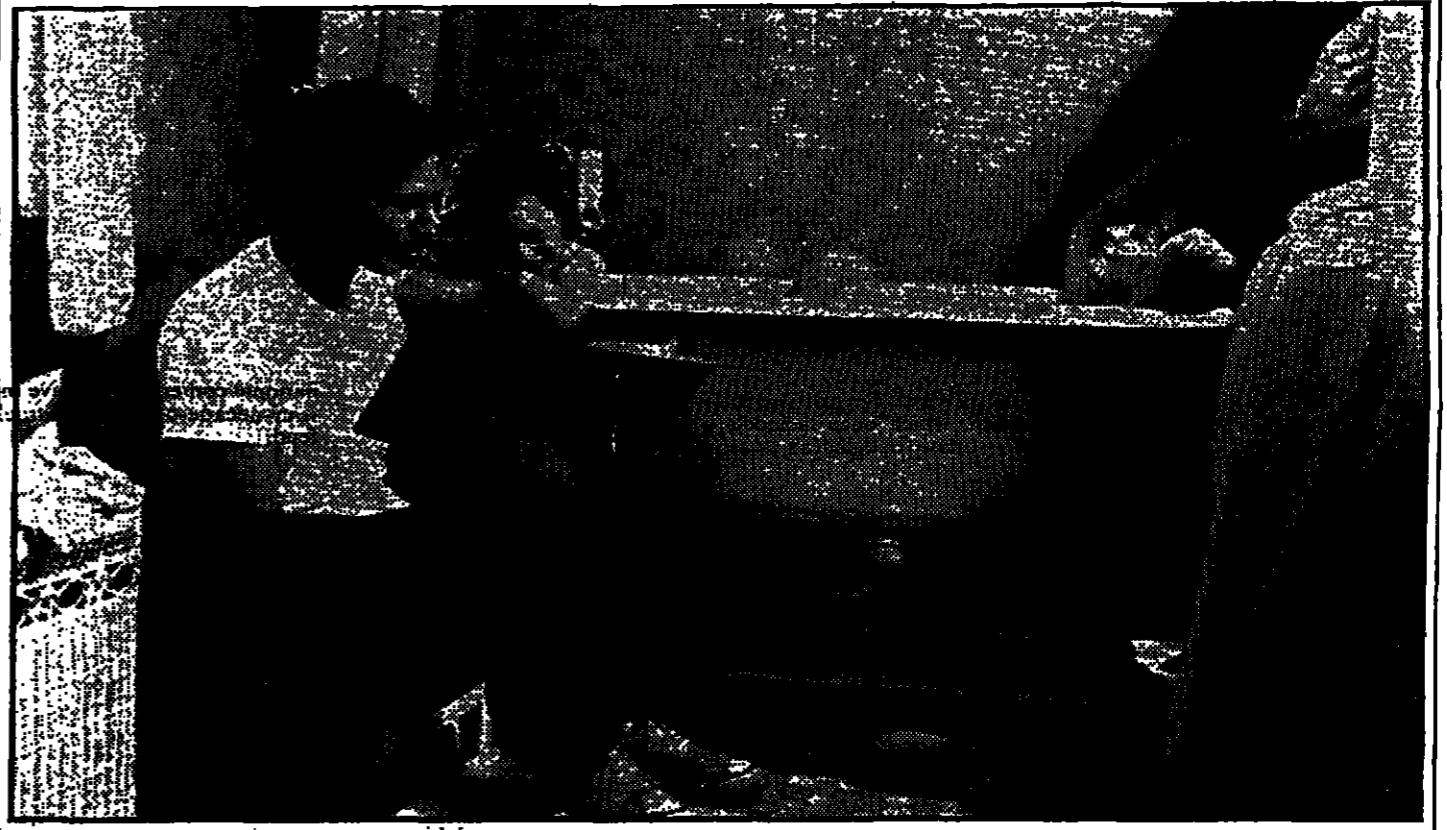
Dr Maureen Kearney, a psychologist at the Centre of Personal Enrichment in Washington, deals daily with situations similar to the one in the film.

She said: "Children are forced to grow up too quickly. They should not be invited into the adult world prematurely."

"Children should not be brought into bed where there is love-making. Nudity is OK, if no big deal is made about it."

"We don't really know if there was any negative emotional reaction from the child. This is such a complex area."

"On the surface it might seem that nothing is amiss, but inside it could be taking a great toll."



Anna (Diane Keaton) and her daughter Molly splash in the bath as Leo (Liam Neeson) reads to them.

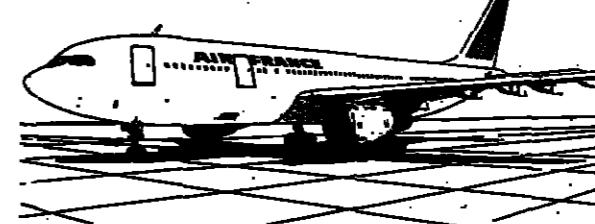
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By Kathy Cuddihy

WHAT makes you happy? If you stop to think about it, sometimes the smallest things can give immense pleasure. Although few of us experience the jumping-up-and-down type of happiness, at least not on a regular basis, most of us, on reflection, can come up with a number of events which could qualify as happy-makers. I analysed my own routine and came up with a few definitions of what happiness is to me.

Happiness is surviving computer technology. First I had to learn how to become compatible with my computer, then I had to figure out how to make the computer compatible with the printer. At times, both of them let me know that they still have minds of their own, but I think that's just a sneaky ploy to make me more appreciative when they decide to perform properly. I have to admit, the ploy works. Having several hours of work print out without a hitch inspires a truly special kind of happiness.

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nutritious lunches that will probably be traded for bubble gum cards. Last, but not least, it means no more homework — for me.

Apart from the intellectual demands, which often test me to my limit, it's embarrassing not even knowing how to translate some of the instructions.

On a more noble plateau, it's of course wonderful to have the children at home. These long vacation periods give us a chance to spend time together, enjoy each other's company, form special bonds.

Happiness is having the long school holidays come to an end. Right. Enough is enough. Dawn, lunchboxes, and homework being to look good after a few weeks of whining kids persistently telling me they're bored unless I entertain them 24 hours a day!

Happiness is managing to apply two coats of nail polish without having to redo a single nail. Gone are the days when I could blame polish smears and flaws on smelly infants who needed urgent happy changes the minute I was finished putting on the first coat. Now I have to bear full responsibility for my impulsive actions — like deciding to floss my teeth

before the polish has hardened. Yes, it's a happy day when I give myself a perfect manicure ... in only one try.

Happiness is receiving real mail (as opposed to junk mail). My neighbour says I produce more correspondence than anyone she has ever known. Unfortunately, the people to whom I write would seem to be seriously remiss in that field. Either that or there's a conspiracy in the post office to destroy any letters addressed to me. Nice I say "letters." That's because they always let the bills through.

Happiness is hearing the phone ring, getting to it ahead of a horde of youngsters, and finding that it's actually for me. Of course, if this event happened all the time, it wouldn't be eligible for the happiness definition. Because it's such a rare occurrence, it more than adequately qualifies.

See what I mean? Happiness can be interpreted in many different ways. I haven't even bothered to discuss obviously major happy-makers, such as job promotions. (In the case of freelances like myself, just having a job is cause for happy relief.) But we all know that Life does not comprise solely

happy happenings. We have to have a few downers to make us more alert when even minor uppers come along. Just to show you what I mean, I've listed a few examples of situations which I classify as desperate.

Desperation is arriving at a hotel after a difficult, dusty journey, anticipating a deep, hot bath ... only to be told that there's water rationing in effect and the supply won't be resumed for another eight hours.

Desperation is being last in a long line waiting to get into a public toilet. Real desperation is finally getting to the front of the line, only to find that you don't have any change to get into the pay cubicle whose door has definitely slammed shut and locked.

Desperation is having to come up with column ideas every week ... and being told that I can't go on holiday until I've produced columns for the entire summer.

Ah well, looking on the positive side, at least in the latter example, I suppose one person's desperation is another person's happiness. Presumably my editor feels happy relief when I somehow manage to meet his impossible deadlines ...

(But, then, I get a bit of pleasure, too. I keep him in suspense by waiting until the last minute to make my submissions!)

## Are you a super slob?

By Mary Kemp

IF your bad habits include wearing the same socks for a week, leaving the top off the toothpaste and ignoring the washing-up, you could be in danger of turning into a slob. Worse still, you might already be one.

If you have noticed that your friends no longer surprise you with unexpected visits, it could be because of your dirty coffee cups and overflowing rubbish bins.

Or are you so fastidious that you iron your underwear and polish the inside of your bath taps? This quiz will reveal your true slob rating ...

(1) After an evening in front of the television you get up to go to bed only to find the dinner plates have been pushed under the armchair. Do you?

a. Leave them where they are.

b. Make an attempt to stack them neatly.

c. Carry them into the kitchen.

d. Wash them up and put them away.

(2) How often do you empty the bin in your kitchen?

a. When you can fit no more rubbish in it.

b. When it is half full.

c. At the end of every day.

d. When rubbish is overflowing onto the floor.

(3) You are having a cigarette and a cup of coffee at a friend's house when you realize you have no ashtray. What do you do?

a. Let the ash fall onto the carpet.

b. Use the coffee cup saucer.

c. Use a bin.

d. Ask for an ashtray.

(4) You come inside after a long walk in the dust. What do you do with your dusty clothes?

a. Take them off to wash immediately.

b. Keep them on.

c. Ask someone else to hang them up.

d. Leave them in a pile on the floor.

(5) Clearing the breakfast table you find an empty milk bottle. Do you?

a. Swill it out with cold water.

b. Put it still dirty in the milk crate.

c. Wash it thoroughly with hot water and a bottle brush.

d. Leave it on the draining board for a couple of days.

### How to Score:

a	b	c	d
1. 3	2	1	0
2. 2	1	0	3
3. 3	2	1	0
4. 0	2	1	3
5. 1	3	0	2
6. 2	3	1	0
7. 0	1	2	3
8. 1	0	3	2
9. 2	1	3	0
10. 3	0	1	2
11. 3	0	0	1
12. 3	2	0	1
13. 2	0	1	3
14. 2	3	0	1
15. 2	0	1	3

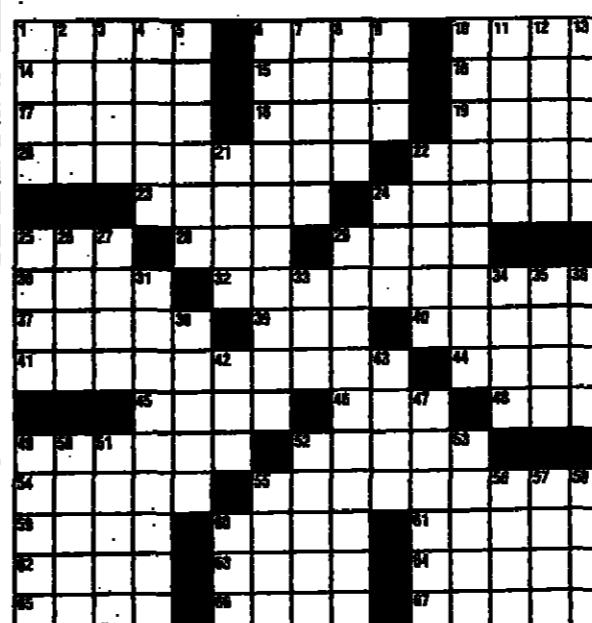
Now for the truth — good or bad. This is your slob rating:

0 - 15: If a guest dropped a biscuit, you're the kind of person who would catch it before it hit the floor. You take real pleasure in hoovering the stairs and probably spend Friday nights ironing the bed linen.

15 - 30: Given the chance you would leave your dirty washing in a heap and never rinse the bath, but it sounds as though you have someone to keep you in check. Lucky you! That nagging person really cares and would hate to see you turn into a slob.

30 - 45: You are definitely a slob, to put it mildly. The person you used to do this quiz is probably already lost down the side of the sofa. Have you got many friends? Do they visit you often? If not, may be changing your socks once in a while or doing the washing up might help.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS	DOWN
1 Sap sucking insect	62 Trick
6 Strike it out	63 Fish's respiratory organ
10 Piece of land	64 Long overblouse
14 Slanted	65 Word with off or up
15 Doorway sign	66 Fencer's blade
16 Tibetan priest	67 Lyric poem
18 Left-hand page	
19 Valley in California	
19 Parrots	68 Window dressing
20 Vestibules	69 Foxlike
22 Bed frugal	70 Being
23 Parts of a contract	71 Courteous
24 Ample supply	72 Rock quartz
25 Mineral fiber, abbr.	73 Rascal
28 Nero's 551	74 Rub out
29 Go by boat	75 Usher's beat
30 Make a trade	76 Pancakes' enhancer
32 Laws or statutes	77 Cut off
37 Traveling tinker	78 One billionth: Comb. form
39 In the past	79 City in N. Oklahoma
40 Cubic meter	80 Stableman, in India: Var.
41 Kind of highway	80 Ripen
44 Do the crawl	
45 Narrative	
46 Recipe abbr.	
48 Turning point for a ballerina	
49 Like hy	
52 YMCA et al.	
54 Singer-actress Lena	
55 Extra jobs	
59 Mild explosive	
60 Handi	
61 Teheran native	

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ZEBRA	SASH	QUAG
IDIOM	HATE	URDU
GALLA	ORAL	AGES
MEADOW	LENTIENT	
NEXT	ANON	
TRANSLUCING	STRAW	
WAD	SAME	DELETE
IDEA	REVUE	YULE
LINNET	ENCE	SAY
LOOT	PRIESTESS	
AGOG	AGO	VISA
JONQUILL	ATTEMPO	
ABOUL	RILL	HAGMI
MOUE	DCIV	CLUNK
BEND	SEIVE	EEHIE

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### THE CASE OF THE VANISHING LOSER!

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH  
 ♠ A 9 4  
 ♠ Q J 9 8 5  
 ♠ Q 5 2  
 ♠ 8 2

WEST  
 ♠ 6 2  
 ♠ K J 10 8 7 5  
 ♠ A 4  
 ♠ 7 2  
 ♠ 10 8 6 4 3  
 ♠ Q 10 7 6  
 ♠ 9 5 4

SOUTH  
 ♠ Q 3  
 ♠ K 10 6 3  
 ♠ K J 7  
 ♠ A K J 3

The bidding:  
 South West North East

1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
 2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass  
 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♠

In the best of all worlds, declarer would be able to thwart any nefarious scheme of the defenders. In real life that is not always possible. Still, when prospects for the contract seem bleak, there may still be a ray of light at the end of the tunnel.

North-South were playing Jacoby Transfer Bids, so North's bid of two diamonds showed five hearts and his subsequent two no trump rebid promised a balanced hand of some 8-9 points. South went on to game on the strength of his good fit and ruffing value in spades.

West led a diamond, East took the ace and returned the suit. Obviously, one of the defenders was



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's better influence coupled with that of the Sun will help you to get things done. You must however allow yourself to be distracted. Do not spend money on trivialities you cannot afford. Be objective.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Something you do not like doing that has to be done should not be shirked. The Moon's influence will help you to make up your mind. You should not believe all you hear. Be more cautious.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Venus' better influence will help you to stay on good terms with those close to you. Make sure you get enough exercise without straining yourself. Do not spend money on trivialities you cannot afford. Be

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Investors urged to put their money in productive sectors

DAR ES SALAAM, Nov 22, (AP): President Ali Hassan Mwinyi has urged private investors to put their money in productive sectors like agriculture, mining, tourism, fishing and manufacturing to help revive Tanzania's economy.

"The economic situation remains critical and will remain the main challenge for sometime to come," said Mwinyi in an interview, the independent weekly Financial Times published yesterday.

"We want, and encourage, private sector investment in these and many other areas of our economy," he said.

Mwinyi was asked if he was happy with the flow of private capital investment.

"In short," he answered, "I am not happy. Some private sector investment is already taking place, but it is not enough."

### Investors

Local and foreign investors were put off in 1987 by the government's nationalisation of banks, insurance companies, tea, coffee and sisal plantations, some hotels, mines and major industries.

Tanzania, a former British colony, pursued socialist economic policies after gaining independence in 1961. Julius Nyerere, Tanzania's first president, resisted reform proposals, mainly from the International Monetary Fund.

Mwinyi, who succeeded Nyerere, signed the country's first agreement with the IMF in 1985. He signed the second agreement on Nov 4.

Details of the second agreement were not publicised, but the government devalued the currency by 21 per cent two days later. The value of the shilling has gone down by 200 per cent over the past three years.

Mwinyi said the government hopes to gain private investors' confidence when an investment code being drafted is completed at the end of the year.

## Jordanian trade delegation for Ankara

## Turkey, Soviet Union seek to boost economic ties

ANKARA, Nov 22, (Reuters): Turkey and the Soviet Union open ministerial-level talks in Ankara tomorrow aimed at boosting their economic cooperation.

"The main thing is to increase the volume of trade and economic co-operation. We are for it and they are for it," a Turkish Foreign Ministry official said today.

Officials said the joint economic commission would discuss Soviet natural gas sales, construction projects, Turkish wheat sales and overall commercial and economic ties.

Soviet sources said they believed trade volume could be expanded to \$3 billion a year from about \$500 million at present.

### Deals

But Turkey, a member of the NATO Western alliance, is circumspect in dealings with the Soviet Union and has dragged its feet on some issues, including imports of natural gas.

## Reducing Mexico's debt is top priority for Salinas

MEXICO CITY, Nov 22, (AP): Reducing the nation's overwhelming foreign debt will be one of Carlos Salinas de Gortari's top priorities when he takes office as Mexico's new president in 13 days, his advisers say.

"This is the most urgent problem that President Carlos Salinas de Gortari will face," said one of Salinas' advisers.

The new president's political advisers say privately he will be emphatic on his demand to improve debt-servicing terms and possibly reduce the principal of Mexico's \$102-billion debt.

Salinas' goal is to get Mexico's economy to grow at an annual rate of five per cent, says a working document prepared by advisers for his first months in office. Hamstrung by the foreign debt payment demands, Mexico's rate of growth has been practically zero over the past six years, and its economy actually will shrink by one per cent this year.

The first person to hear Salinas' arguments for debt restructuring will be US president-elect George Bush, whom Salinas will meet on Tuesday in Houston. The Mexican president-elect is bringing his top economic advisers to the three-hour meeting.

Mexican officials feel that Bush and his top aides, including incoming Secretary of State

## Foreign financial institutions must observe Kuwaiti rules

KUWAIT, Nov 22, (KUNA): Foreign banking and financial corporations operating in Kuwait were told to observe the country's standing rules governing banking and financial activities.

An appeal in this respect was made by the Kuwaiti's Finance Minister Jassim Mohammed Al Khorafi and the Kuwait Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah.

Responding to a question by KUNA on a recent announcement published in the local press by a foreign bank that it was ready to carry out, in Kuwait, bank-

ing operations for the interest of the father bank it represents, Finance Minister Al Khorafi said that Kuwait has standing regulations governing the work of the banking profession.

### Regulations

"These regulations are aimed at the protection of banking activities for the interests of the national economy and depositors," he said. "For this reason we demand foreign banking and financial institutions to observe the existing rules so as to avoid any problems," Al Khorafi added.

The finance minister stressed that his ministry will not hesitate to take all necessary measures to enforce the law.

The Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem said Article 59 of the 1968 Law No. 32 which governs banking activities in Kuwait, banned any foreign banking or financial establishment or its representative from practising any banking activities inside Kuwait in favour of those establishments.

He said the Central Bank of Kuwait would not allow any foreign party, whatever, to practise any direct or indirect

banking activity for its own interests, hence violating the Kuwaiti rules of the banking profession.

### Violation

He said the recent announcement in the local press by a foreign bank was a clear violation of Article 59 of the law governing the banking activities in Kuwait.

The Central Bank governor said that he made contacts with the interior ministry which had already taken necessary measures stopping the illegal activity.

## Outlook is far from a deep recession

## OECD growth rates forecast to slow down to 3pc in '89

THE recession that many economists and financial analysts predicted will be the inevitable outcome of the October 1987 crash has failed to materialise so far, and is very unlikely to happen in 1989. According to Gulf Bank's March '88 commentary that "many of the economic indicators which are normally associated with recession either do not exist at present or are not strong enough to cause serious imbalances leading to recession."

**Reason**  
The Gulf Bank current monthly commentary said the main reason which explains why the world economy did not fall into a recession after the October 1987 crash is that central banks have played a very active role in pumping a great deal of money into the financial markets to sustain a reasonable level of liquidity and is supporting co-ordination of monetary policies to prevent wide currency fluctuations. The lesson of the 1929-32 Great Depression seems to be well learned.

### Growth

GDP growth rate in the US is estimated to be about 4 per cent in 1988, compared with a revised 3.4 per cent in 1987. It is likely to fall below 3 per cent in 1989. Japan's GDP is to grow by 5.2

per cent this year compared with 4.2 per cent in 1987, and is likely to fall to 4.2 per cent in 1989. West Germany is also expected to achieve a higher rate of growth this year (about 3 per cent) compared with 1.8 per cent in 1987 but likely to fall to 2 per cent in 1989. The UK is expected to maintain its growth rate of 4.2 per cent achieved in 1987, but it is likely to fall to about 3 per cent in 1989.

However, the six-year-old expansion of the world economy (which is the longest ever sustained period of recovery in peace time) is bound to be threatened but unlikely before 1990.

Although growth rates in major OECD countries are forecast to slow down to 3 per cent in 1989, but the outlook is far from a deep recession.

### Capacity

Nevertheless, if the overall industrial capacity utilisation rate in the US exceeds the red line-limit (85 per cent) considered inflationary, as more capital spending will be required to match increasing demand which will in turn push prices higher, then an overheated US economy will start sending warning signals.

**Higher prices**  
Higher prices in the US will lead to the so-called "imported inflation" in the countries that trade heavily with the US.

Being currently at 5.3 per cent, there is limited scope for a further decline in the unemployment rate (which

is unlikely) it will be difficult for the US industry to sustain its competitive edge in the world markets and therefore the US trade balance will start to worsen away from recession towards inflation. The report said that interest rates are likely to be higher in 1989 in an attempt to slow down economic expansion to a sustainable rate.

It should also be emphasised that international trade is to be looked at as a two-way street, then surely trade-surplus countries will not be able to sustain their surpluses in the long run as this will entail weakening their major trading partners. Based on this dynamic vision of unrestricted world trade, the long-awaited decline in the US trade deficit may be understood. The US trade deficit is likely to fall this year to about \$132 billion compared with \$160 billion in 1987.

**Depreciation**  
There is little doubt that the depreciation of the US dollar (which began in February 1985) was the driving force behind the process of reducing external imbalances which started late 1987 after nearly three-year time lag.

On the other hand, the improvement in the US trade deficit since the beginning of 1988 has been accompanied by a rise in the dollar against some other major currencies. If the US currency continues to appreciate further in the coming year (which

is unlikely) it will be difficult for the US industry to sustain its competitive edge in the world markets and therefore the US trade balance will start to worsen away from recession towards inflation. The report said that interest rates are likely to be higher in 1989 in an attempt to slow down economic expansion to a sustainable rate.

It is to be pointed out that as the pattern of capital investment booms is very cyclical, then high growth rate cannot be sustained for a longer period of time and thus, a slowdown in economic activities in most likely in the short-term.

### Payments

It should also be added, that rising interest payments abroad to service the increasing level of US net foreign debt will make it difficult for the US to improve its current account deficit significantly. Despite some notable improvement, the current accounts for major industrial countries are still seriously imbalanced.

The US current account deficit is expected to be in the range of \$135-140 billion in 1988 compared with \$154 billion in 1987.

It is likely to fall further in 1989

to about \$125 billion. Whereas Japan and West Germany are expected to record surpluses ranging between \$80-85 billion and \$40-42 billion in 1988 compared with about \$87 billion and \$44.5 billion in 1987 respectively.

Although the world economy is expected to continue growing in 1989, the rate of growth will most likely be lower than in 1988. This is mainly attributed to the fact that the US is yet to deal more effectively with its huge twin trade and budget deficit. The dollar will have to move lower in the coming months in order to narrow the trade gap further, especially with Japan.

The report added that if there is a lesson to be learned from the October 1987 stock market crash it is that central banks in major industrial countries have used accommodative monetary policies in a far more effective way than before.

## World Business Summary

### Bidding for RJR Nabisco hits new peak, shares climb

NEW YORK, Nov 22, (Reuters): The richest corporate auction in US history grew richer as a new group prepared to offer more than \$25 billion for RJR Nabisco Inc., pushing the food and cigarette giant's shares sharply higher on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. RJR Nabisco's board on Sunday unsealed higher bids from two previous bidders and revealed that a new group headed by the Wall Street firm First Boston Corp had submitted a tentative proposal to pay up to \$25.3 billion in cash and an additional \$1.6 billion in securities for the company. Bidding for RJR Nabisco began a month ago with a \$17 billion offer from a group of the company's managers. That bid worked out to \$7.5 per share, well above the company's high of \$31 in September. "It's (the bidding) starting to look like it's closer to fair value, in the \$100 (per share) area," said analyst Ronald Monroe of Smith Barney, Harris Upham Inc. The near doubling of RJR Nabisco's share price since September reflects the unrealised value that can be uncovered by selling off the company's many brands, ranging from Winston cigarettes to Del Monte canned fruits and vegetables, analysts said. "There's a bonanza for people who own the stock," said Kidder Peabody analyst Roy Barry. The news that new group had been broken in weekend bidding sent RJR Nabisco's stock higher yesterday, up \$2.25 to \$86.25.

The First Boston Group emerged as the dark horse leading a pack of Wall Street leveraged buyout groups and investment bankers that have been pursuing RJR Nabisco over the past month. The new group includes Resources Holdings Ltd, which is backed by the wealthy Pritzker family of Chicago and the Anschutz family of Denver. Their proposal would pay \$98 to 110 cash, plus securities worth a total of about \$7, for each RJR Nabisco share.

### Arab banks consider deterrent measures against Europe

ABUDHABI, Nov 22, (AP): Senior Arab bankers have hinted at adopting deterrent measures against Western industrialised countries for including Arab countries among financial high risk zones. The Basel Committee, a specialised committee named after the city in Switzerland where it meets, listed loans to the Third World, including Arab states, as a high risk, and is expected to come into effect on Dec 31, 1992. The decision was approved by the 12 ranking industrialised nations of the world. "It is unfair of the industrialised countries to treat Arab banks in this way although they have sufficient capital adequacy ratio," said Anwar Al Khalil, board chairman of the Union of Arab Banks (UAB) at the end of a three-day Arab banking conference in Abu Dhabi late yesterday. Speaking on behalf of the leading 100 Arab banks represented at the meeting, Al Khalil said "It is as if the Basel Committee wanted to punish the Third World countries including the Arab states, after they become capable of providing for their financial needs." During the oil boom of the 1970's some Arab countries turned into financial powers. The Basel Committee recommendation "is telling Arabs that what the Europeans own, belongs to them, and what the Arabs own belongs to them and to the Europeans," he said. Asked about the deterrent measures available to the Arab banks against the recommendation, he said: "We may start with reciprocal treatment, which will be effective due to the close Arabs have in the international financial sector." Al Khalil also called for creating proper channels to bring home some of the \$300 billion of Arab investment abroad.

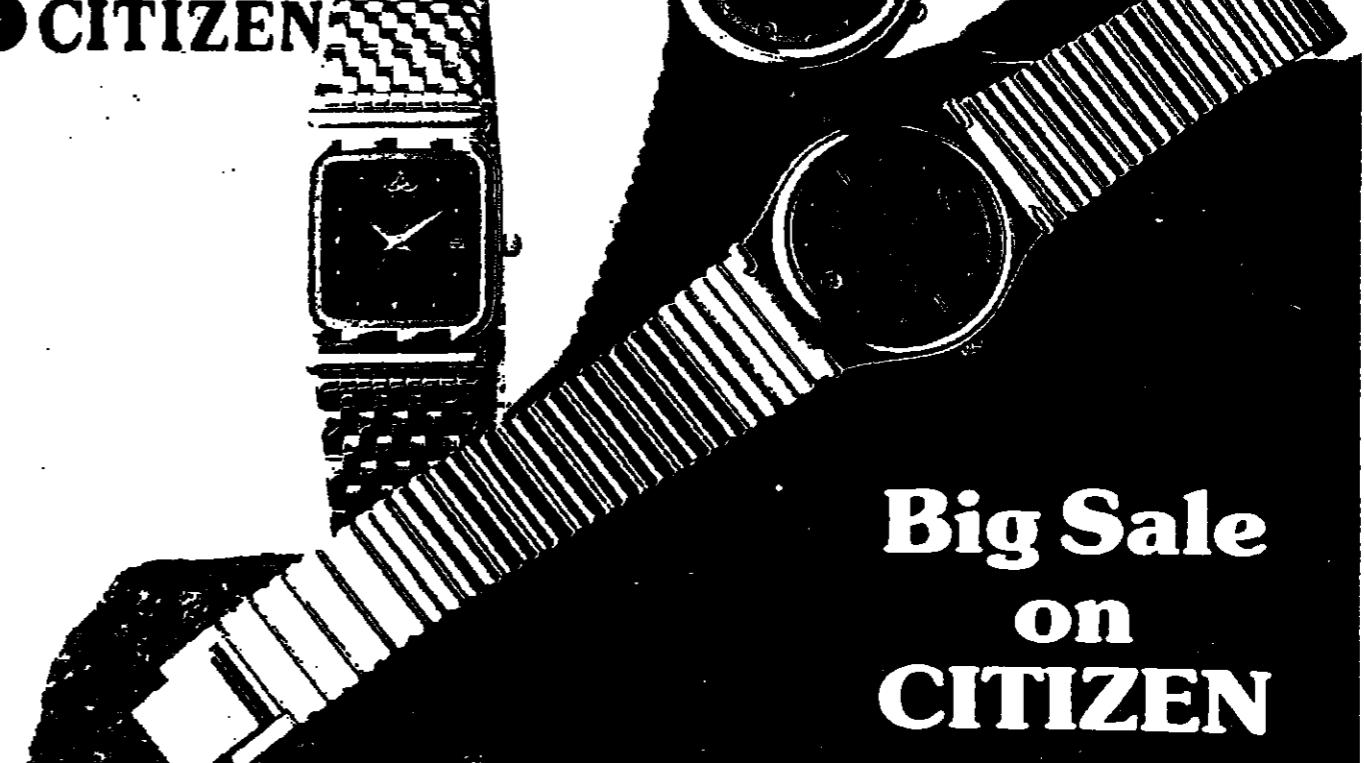
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## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1988

LONDON  
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NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LIFE	205.0	205.0	205.0
ADT LTD	122.0	122.0	122.0
ALD LYONS	472.0	472.0	472.0
ANSTRAD	174.0	174.0	174.0
ARGYLL GP	163.0	163.0	163.0
ASDA GP	146.0	146.0	146.0
BAA	277.0	277.0	277.0
BTR	288.0	288.0	288.0
BAT IND	442.0	442.0	442.0
BARCLAYS	418.0	418.0	418.0
BASS	796.0	796.0	796.0
BEAVER	179.0	179.0	179.0
BECHAMS	464.0	464.0	464.0
BERISFORD	13.00	13.00	13.00
BICC PLC	390.0	390.0	390.0
BLUE ARK	92.0	92.0	92.0
BLUE CIRC	438.0	438.0	438.0
BOE GP	415.0	415.0	415.0
BOOTS CO	227.0	227.0	227.0
BPS IND	256.0	256.0	256.0
BR COMM	227.0	227.0	227.0
BR AIRWAY	58.34	58.34	58.34
BR AEROSP	470.0	470.0	470.0
BR GAS KG	162.0	162.0	162.0
BR GAS RT	159.0	159.0	159.0
BR LAND	379.5	379.5	379.5
B.P.	244.0	244.0	244.0
B.P. PP	143.0	143.0	143.0
BR TELCOM	253.5	253.5	253.5
BURKAN OIL	514.0	514.0	514.0
BURTON	167.0	167.0	167.0
CABLEWIR	362.0	362.0	362.0
CADBURY	354.0	354.0	354.0
COATS VIY	171.4	171.4	171.4
COH UNI	324.0	324.0	324.0
CONS GOLD	195.0	195.0	195.0
COUSONS	68.26	68.26	68.26
COURTAULD	277.0	277.0	277.0
DALGETY	310.0	310.0	310.0
DIXONS	137.6	137.6	137.6
ENG CHINA	485.0	485.0	485.0
ENTER OIL	515.0	515.0	515.0
FKI BACB	132.0	132.0	132.0
FERRANTI	101.0	101.0	101.0
FISONS	44.00	44.00	44.00
GATEWAY	162.0	162.0	162.0
GEN ACCID	826.0	826.0	826.0
GEN ELEC	175.4	175.4	175.4
GLAVO	665.0	665.0	665.0
GRANADA	331.5	331.5	331.5
GLOBE	143.5	143.5	143.5
GLYNNED	299.0	299.0	299.0
GUARD RYL	185.0	185.0	185.0
GKN	316.0	316.0	316.0
GUINNESS	332.0	332.0	332.0
HINNSH A	676.0	676.0	676.0
HANSON	149.0	149.0	149.0
HARRIS C	688.0	688.0	688.0
HARRIER SID	549.0	549.0	549.0
HILLSDOWN	266.0	266.0	266.0
ICI	605.0	605.0	605.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-DR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1487.3	1480.1	1489.0	1476.5
FT 500 SHR	1031.7	1031.7	1038.0	1030.5
FT ALL SHR	945.99	945.99	951.59	946.27
FT GOV SEC	88.33	88.33	88.21	87.92
FT GOLD MN	172.0	172.0	176.2	171.6
FT MINES F	569.23	569.23	570.11	569.93
FT OIL	1708.1	1708.1	1726.8	1765.2
FT WLD DLR	136.73	136.05	135.51	125.42
FT WLD STG	111.41	111.06	110.29	110.62
FT WLD LOC	118.98	118.75	118.21	116.01
				99.08

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS HIT DAY'S HIGHS ON FIRMER WALL STREET				
LONDON, NOV 22, REUTER - EQUITIES HIT THEIR DAY'S HIGHS THIS AFTERNOON AS WALL STREET RALLIED FROM AN EASTER START TO STAND FIRMER, BUT TRADING REMAINED SEDATED AHEAD OF FRIDAY'S OCTOBER U.K. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DATA.				
SHARES TRADED MOSTLY HIGHER EARLIER ON THE BACK OF A WALL STREET RALLY YESTERDAY. NEWS OF A PACKAGE FROM ABBEY LIFE TO SWEETEN THE PROPOSED MERGER WITH LLOYDS WHICH ABBEY SHAREHOLDERS RECENTLY VOTED DOWN ALSO HELPED SENTIMENT, DEALERS SAID.				
HOWEVER, ONE CAUTIONED, "IT'S A PRETTY HALF-HEARTED RISE, IF WALL STREET SNEEZED WE'D STILL GET A COLD." BY 1532 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 9.1 POINTS UP AT 1,820.8, AFTER A HIGH OF 1,821.2.				
ABBETT STOOD SOME 261 HIGHER AT 294 THIS AFTERNOON, HELPED BY NEWS IT'S TOTAL DIVIDEND FOR 1988 WOULD RISE 32 PCT TO 15.5P AND THAT IT WAS PLANNING A SPECIAL DIVIDEND OF 15P PER SHARE IF THE LLOYDS' MERGER GOES THROUGH.				
THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO SELL FIVE LLOYDS BUSINESSES TO ABBEY IN RETURN FOR 57.6 PCT OF THE LIFE INSURER WAS THwarted BY 64.4 PCT OF ABBEY'S SHAREHOLDERS EARLIER THIS MONTH. ABBEY IS NOW PROPOSING THAT THE MAJORITY FOR A NEW VOTE ON THE DEAL BE CUT TO 50 PCT FROM THE PREVIOUS 75 PCT.				
THE DEAL HAD BEEN SEEN AS BIASED TO LLOYDS BUT ANALYSTS SAID THE HIGHER DIVIDENDS COULD HELP SMOOTH OBJECTIONS.				

## London Gold

LONDON, NOV 22, REUTER - GOLD BULLION WAS FIXED AT 418.40 DLRS AN OUNCE THIS AFTERNOON, UP FROM THE MORNING FIX OF 416.10 AND MAINTAINING THE HIGHER LEVELS SEEN AT THE END OF THE MORNING SESSION.				
TRADERS SAID SHORTCOVERING HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY NEWS THE IRANIAN OIL MINISTER SAID OPEC WILL END ITS TALKS ON WEDNESDAY WITH AN AGREEMENT. A RALLY IN SILVER PRICES ALSO AIDED GOLD'S RECOVERY FROM MORNING LEVELS AS LOW AS 415.00 DLRS.				
SILVER WAS FIRMER AT 6.10/6.12 DLRS AFTER A FIX OF 606.50 CENTS WHILE PLATINUM RALLIED TO AN AFTERNOON FIX OF 569 DLRS FROM A MORNING FIX OF 558.75 DLRS.				

## London Money Market

LONDON, NOV 22, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES CONTINUED VIRTUALLY UNMOVED FROM MONDAY'S LEVELS IN LATE TRADING AS OPERATORS SEARCHED IN VAIN FOR NEW FACTORS.				
INTERBANK RATES FROM THREE MONTHS TO ONE YEAR CONTINUED BID AT A COMMON 12-1/8 PCT -- WELL WITHIN THE RANGE WHICH REFLECTS THE CURRENT 12 PCT LEVEL OF U.K. BASE RATES.				
"I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING CHANGING THIS SIDE OF CHRISTMAS. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME VERY BAD NEWS ON THE TRADE FRONT ON FRIDAY TO GET THE MARKET GOING," SAID ONE DEALER. U.K. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DATA FOR OCTOBER ARE THE ONLY MAJOR BRITISH INDICATORS TO BE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK.				

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR	OPG
1.8260/70	1.7265/70	5.9020/40	29.175/335	FIX
STG 1.8265/55	3.1510/45	10.7720/7835		FIX
DKR 1.7264/7324	3.150/164	10.7750/7935	341.49/2.13	FIX
FFR 5.9025/9145	2.6561/6574	84.09/20	24.60/63	1300
SFR 1.4535/4545	2.6561/6574	112.75	32.995	FIX
ECU 1.5490	3.5580	2.0722	7.0835	CLOSE
SDR 1.5623/4	0.749981	2.36461	8.08004	CLOSE
YEN 121.50/60	221.64/95			NOON
SDR RATES	21/11/88	OTHERS	22/11/1988	

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BOAT HENR	388.0/388.0	387.0/388.0
BORTWICK	59.0/59.0	59.0/59.0
BR ARROW	106.0/106.0	105.0/106.0
BR ASSETS	68.0/68.0	68.0/68.0

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

LONDON—The coupon on the 300 mln dlr, four year, equity warrant Eurobond for Nissho Iwai Corp, reported from Tokyo earlier today, has been indicated at 4-3/4 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTVD 1038)

London—Montreal Trustco is issuing a 150 mln Canadian dlr Eurobond due December 16, 1993 paying 10-5/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp said. (RTUO 0831)

London—Japan highway Public Corporation is issuing a 180 mln dlr Eurobond due January 1, 1996 paying 9-5/8 pct, lead manager Bank of Tokyo Capital Markets said. (RTUO 0917)

London—The European Investment Bank is issuing a 100 mln ECU Eurobond due November 7, 1995 paying 7-3/5 pct, lead manager Banque Paribas Capital Markets said. (RTWJ 1212)

Paris—The French bond issuing committee said it had approved two new domestic bonds, each for one billion francs, for the Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole (CNCA) and for the state-controlled Savings Bank Caisse d'Epargne Ecureuil. (RTXJ 1413)

Zurich—Seiren Co Ltd of Fukui City, Japan, is launching 60 mln Swiss francs of convertible notes due March 31, 1993, lead manager Bank Leu said. (RTUP 0911)

## Interbank Rates

## Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	11-13/16 11/16	11-7/8 13/16	12 3/16 1/8
FFT	4.25/35	4.55/65	4.85/95
PAR	8 5/8-1/8	7-15/16 8-1/16	8-1/8 1/4
ZUR	3-5/8-3-7/8	4-1/4 4-1/2	4-1/8 4-3/8
BRX	5.85	7-1/8 3/16	7-1/8 1/4
RON	10-5/8 11-1/8	11-1/2 12	11-1/2 12
ANS	5.00/12	5.25/31	5.30/40
TOX	3.5625 6250	4.2500 3125	4.3750 4375
ECU	7.25 7.50	7.43 7.56	7.62 7.75

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period Bid Offered

1 month 7-1/16 7-9/16

3 months 6-7/8 7-5/16

6 months 6-3/4 7-3/16

1 year 6-11/16 7-1/8

## BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	97 96.50	94 NICO	650 640	650
NIC	388.50	385	391	GRASIN	92	91 NICO	950 955
ASIA PAINT	221.25	217.50	227.50	GSFC	155 153.75	158.75 ORKAY	41.50 44
SAJAI AUTO	408.50	410	410	HIND LEVER	83	82.50 PEICO	32 33
BAR. RAYON	367.50	365	370	HINDALCO	134.50	137 PFIZER	85 86
BONDING	135	135	138.50	HINDCOCA	122	120 126.25 PRE. AUTO	56.50 56
R. BOND	115	112	114	HINDMOTOR	31.50	31.50 RAYMOND	66 67
BSE INDEX	711.50	719.07	IND ORG	49.50	48 RELIANCE	174.50 175	175.30
CENTURY SPG	1495	1480	1480	INDRAYON	88 86.50	88 SIEMENS	108 103
COLGATE	321.25	323.75	320	INDROL	272.50 272.50	265 SPIC	66.50 67
DEPAKERT	48.50	48.25	51	ITC	49	47 STIMMILL	345 340
EL. HOTEL	57.50	55	60	JCSYNTH	91	92 TATA PWR	377.50 385 407.50
ESKAFF	151.25	150	153.75	L. AND T	132 134.50	132.50 TATACHEM	109 108
ESSAU	31	30.50	31	MARINDRA	117.50	117 117.50 TELCO	775 780 762.50
BAR. POLY	112.50	112.50	118.75	MASTERSH	19.35	19 TISCO	1092 1082
SE. SHIP	43.75	43.50	43	MATHER PL	68.75	68.75 71.25 VOLTA	560 560

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE	NITSUB CP.	1350	1350
HEG	184.6	186.0	AJINOMOTO	3040	3060	NITSUB EL	922	927
ALLIANZ-VR	1767.0	1776.0	AKAI ELEC	600	586	NITSUB EST	2980	2970
DAEDERIK	181.0	181.2	AOKI	993	1000	NITSUB HVY	1000	1000
SASF	276.5	275.6	ASAH GLS	1940	1940	NITSUKI CO	935	943
BAUER	296.5	298.0	ASAH OPT	660	645	NITSUKI EL	2040	2050
BAYER HYP	368.0	367.0	BANK TOKYO	1600	1600	NICHICON	1140	1130
BAYER VER	367.0	367.0	BRIDGESTON	1290	1300	NIKHON CHM	1010	997
BBK	326.0	328.0	CANON	1310	1310	NIKKO SEC	1850	1750
BASF	400.0	405.0	CASIO COMP	1250	1250	NIP ELEC	1850	1870
BEM	523.0	526.0	CHIGAI PHN	1480	1480	NIP KOKAN	948	952
CONNERZBK	259.5	259.3	CITIZEN H	810	798	NIP OIL	1550	1550
DEUTSCHE	269.0	271.7	D-ICHI KAN	3190	3200	NIP STEEL	948	958
DEUTER B	726.0	742.0	DAI NIP IK	896	886	NIP YUSEN	910	913
DEUTSCHE BNK	513.5	516.5	DAI NIP PT	2600	2600	NITSU MOTOR	1260	1260
DLM	395.0	395.8	DAI NIP SC	900	900	NOMURA SEC	3800	3820
DRESDNER B	296.0	296.7	DAI NIP TO	1140	1230	ORIBA CO	840	830
DUKE BARDON	156.0	156.0	DAIFEC	781	781	OLYMPUS	1000	1000
ELBOLDSCHE	522.22	521.49	DAIMA H	1990	1990	PENTAX	1000	998
ELBOLDSCHE	202.00	201.51	DAIMA SECUTRY	2420	2420	PIONEER	1200	1200
GOLDSCHE	3553.00	3557.00	DAIMA NFGS/AR	1050	1040	RENOVATE	910	908
HARPMER	416.0	415.0	EISAI	1950	1960	RICON	1090	1110
IEC/EST AG	298.5	299.0	FUJITSU	1430	1450	SAKYO	1960	1950
IESCH	169.0	170.5	FUJII BANK	3440	3390	SANYO ELEC	717	693
ORTEN	219.5	222.0	FUJII PHOTO	3150	3200	SEIYU ST.	1980	1950
USSEL HLD	449.0	450.0	FUJISAMA	1630	1590	SEKISUI PB	1910	1910
ALI SALZ	144.0	147.5	FUJITA CP	839	810	SHARP	988	1000
NEUSTADT	417.0	418.5	HITACHI	1500	1510	SHISEIDO	1670	1650
UFINOF	389.0	395.0	HONDA MOT	1900	1910	SONY	6170	6280
DECK H	121.0	131.0	ISETAN	2110	2190	SUMITOMO	1220	1230
DECK U	106.00	131.00	ITO TOKAIDO	4050	4060	TAISEI	1250	1190
IDE	697.0	702.0	JAP SYN RU	991	1000	TAISHO MNR	1460	1420
FTMANS	144.0	144.0	JAPAN AIR	15400	15600	TAKEDA CH	2460	2420
MINESMAN	189.0	192.5	JAPAN MET	830	805	TEIJIN	771	757
SEDES	609.0	619.5	KAIJIMA	1830	1790	TKO NEW IX	278.83	266.10
TALLGES	325.0	328.0	KANSAI EL	4200	4050	TKO MRN	2350	2340
DOORF PF	363.1	367.0	KAO SOAP	1720	1750	TKOY ELEC	1040	1020
ISK HYD	25.80	26.50	KAWASAKI H	856	841	TOYO GAS	1520	1510
LILP KON	614.0	616.5	KIRIN BREW	1990	1990	TOYO PDR	7150	7090
ISCH	564.0	576.0	KONATSU	879	870	TOSHIBA EL	982	995
BUSAG	172.8	172.8	KURATO LTD	920	925	TOTO	2080	2070
LANDS	224.5	224.5	KYOCERA	4800	4800	TOYO KOGY	750	741
INNETAL	365.1	368.0	NAKITA EL	2840	2800	TOYOTA MOT	2480	2530
P	236.5	238.7	MATSUTA EI	2520	2560	YAMAICHI	1150	1160
ANAMER	295.0	299.0	MATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMAKO	3970	3900
ERING	571.5	573.0	MATSUTA EL	950	939	YAMAZAKI	1400	1400
SHAGEN	266.5	266.0						
MENS	478.4	479.5						
SSEN	178.9	180.7						
TA	310.0	314.0			</td			

Japan's interest rates likely to stay low

# Dollar sinks again, gold gains

LONDON, Nov 22. (Reuter): The US and Japanese central banks bought the dollar again today renewing a battle with speculators anxious to dump it out of fears for America's economy. But it still ended the day weaker.

Trying to break the latest slide in the dollar's value, which began a week ago, the Bank of Japan intervened in the open market during Asian trading. The US Federal Reserve Board bought dollars for yen later when New York opened.

But European central banks, which joined in efforts to stabilise the value of the currency in which most of the world does business last week, stayed out of the market this time.

Encouraged by their absence, the market took the dollar to a London close at 121.35 yen and 1.7205 West German marks which down from yesterday's 121.90 and 1.7265.

"The Fed intervened against the yen so everyone is now hitting the mark," said one European

dealer.

The markets are pessimistic about President-elect George Bush's ability to narrow huge budget and trade deficits being left by the Reagan administration. They are focusing particularly on a Bush campaign pledge not to raise new taxes.

The dollar, down 10 per cent since the summer, is close to a historic low of 120.20 yen touched on Jan 4 in the shadow of the financial crash of '87.

It is at present looking a bit more comfortable against the Deutsche mark — against which it fell to 1.5615 in January.

Today's was the lowest London close against the yen since Dec 31 and against the mark since June 8.

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Typical North Sea Brent blend crude oil trade in Europe for loading in January at \$12.82 a barrel, after being just under \$12 this morning.

Gold, a favoured hedge against oil-led inflation, firmed on the back of the oil price to be quoted by London bullion dealers close to \$420 an ounce, up nearly \$4.

In the stock markets today, Tokyo, the biggest, powered to a record close for the eighth straight session, its longest bull run since February.

**Strong**

Japanese investors like the strong yen because it means that Japan's interest rates are likely to stay low, and the Nikkei stocks average ended up another 145.86 points at 29,430.12.

But on Wall Street there were worries that US authorities might put up American interest rates to attract funds to the dollar and to Treasury bonds.

The Dow Jones industrial average at New York's midday was barely changed at 2,066.86.

In London equities hit their day's highs this afternoon as Wall Street rallied from an easier start to stand firmer. But trading remained subdued ahead of Friday's October UK balance of payments data.

Shares traded mostly higher earlier on the back of a Wall Street rally yesterday. News of a package from Abbey life to sweeten the proposed merger with Lloyds which Abbey shareholders recently voted down also helped sentiment, dealers said.

However, one cautioned "It's a pretty half-hearted rise. If Wall Street sneezed we'd still get a cold." By 1532 GMT the FTSE 100 was 9.1 points up at 1,820.8, after a high of 1,821.2.

Abbey stood some 26p higher at 294 this afternoon, helped by news its total dividend for 1988 would rise 32 per cent to 13.5p and that it was planning a special dividend of 15p per share if the Lloyds merger goes through.

The original proposal to sell five Lloyds businesses to Abbey in return for 57.6 per cent of the

life insurer was thwarted by 64.4 per cent of Abbey's shareholders earlier this month. Abbey is now proposing that the majority for a new vote on the deal be cut to 50 per cent from the previous 75 per cent.

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A reappraisal of the quality of the Lloyds businesses, as well as the reduced majority requirement, means the new package is likely to receive shareholder approval, analysts said.

Another factor helping Abbey shares was its proposal to pay a total 1989 dividend of 17 per cent per share and keep dividends from 1990 onwards broadly in line with earnings per share.

Elsewhere in the insurance sector Pearl added 6p to 411, Refuge 5p to 448 and Sun Life 7p to 950. Insurance broker Sedgwick was 4p higher at 216 after nine months pre-tax profit came in at £70.8 million at the top end of forecasts.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Nov 22, (Reuters): Shares extended losses suffered over the past week as bearish sentiment continued to dominate the market. The All Ordinaries index slipped 4.1 to 1,478.8.

**BOMBAY:** Exchange closed to let brokers settle outstanding business. The market will remain closed tomorrow for a Sikh religious festival. Trading resumes on Thursday.

**SINGAPORE:** The market rebounded on widespread bargain-hunting, encouraged by news of Singapore's increased exports in October. The Straits Times industrial index rose 6.75 to 999.52.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

### SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIKH PORT ON NOV. 22/11

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
5	Ibn Abdoun	KSA	4843150
6	Ibn Al Roomi	KSA	4843150
8	Tug Abu Samir	Gulf Star	4845501
9	Barge Jubail	Gulf Star	4845501
15	Atlantic Reefer	Sager	2432692
17	Ansa Jiang	M. Bahar	2459891
19	Reefer Jambu	Gh & Q	4747815

### SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIKH PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel
22/11	Sunday Cape	Gh & Q	4747815
22/11	Hua Carmencita	A.M. Bahar	2459891
22/11	Vasily Belokonenko	Alrashed	2420206
23/11	Alejandria	T. Cont	2436920
23/11	Great Liberty	ISA	2441860

### SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

E.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel
3	UCO XVII	Sager Shaheen	2432692
10	Captain Ali	Sager	2432692
12	Korana	MA Bahar	2433881
NBH3	Tug Gulf Master	Sager Shaheen	2432692
NBH3	Barge Dong AH-303	Sager Shaheen	2432692

### SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel
21/11	Great Liberty	AI Kamal	2425437
25/11	Far East Trader	MA Bahar	2459891
26/11	Dubai	UASC	4843150
27/11	Al Mirqab	UASC	4843150
28/11	Quincy	Barwil	4842988
28/11	Oktay Taarik	RSMS	2432692
1/12	Y.S. Prosperity	AI Rashed	2422026

### COMPILED BY:

Alghanim Barwil Shipping Co. Kuwait, Alghanim Industries Building, Airport Road-Shuaibah, Tel: 4842988 Ext. 3646.

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**Improved financial indices to give boost to market**

KUWAIT, Nov 22, (KUNA): Kuwait's Stock Market was expected to flourish in the foreseeable future due to improvement in economic and financial indices in the country, a market expert here forecast today.

Director-general and vice-chairman of the Kuwait Stock Market Committee Hisham Al Oteibi told Al Seyassat that one of the most significant indications of the expected flourish was the remarkable growth witnessed by real estate sector during the past period.

He attributed the recent increase in real estate prices to direct and indirect governmental subsidies through the expropriation programmes that fall annually within the government's plans.

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## Cement production

LAGOS, Nov 22, (OPECNA): Production from Nigeria's seven cement factories totalled 3.50 million tonnes last year out of an installed capacity of 5.25 million tonnes, it was announced.

Bendel Cement Company general manager James Erhiero said that the output level accounted for about 73 per cent of total national demand.

## BIG SALE at The Grand Stores LAST 2 DAYS



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2. Night Dress English KD 6.750. 2.700  
3. French Rob KD 12.750. 2.700



1. Spanish Training Suit KD 12.200. 5.070  
2. Training Suit KD 5.500. 3.850  
3. French Pullover KD 9.250. 4.650  
4. Tearing Suit KD 12.350. 3.670  
1. Winter Coat KD 22. 11. KD 23.500. 1.200  
2. Trouser KD 4.250. 2.150  
1. Pullover Spanish KD 8. 4.200  
2. Trouser KD 4.250. 2.150

**The Grand Stores**  
KUWAIT - FEEHEEHL - AHMAD

## Investcorp arranges sale of Club Car

INVESTCORP announced yesterday that it has arranged, on behalf of a group of international investors, the sale of Club Car, Inc to Club Car Holdings Corp, a company formed by Kels & Company and the senior management of Club Car.

Kels, a private investment banking firm with offices in New York and California, specialises in leveraged buyouts.

Club Car, located in Augusta, Georgia, USA is the leading domestic independent designer and manufacturer of gas and electric powered golf cars.

Club Car is recognised as the premier brand name in the golf car industry with respect to excellence of design, reliability and performance.

Club Car is estimated to hold close to 30 per cent of the domestic golf car market.

### Experience

Saving Tung, a member of Investcorp's Management Committee, said: "Club Car's senior management team collectively has over 100 years of experience in the golf car industry and, as a team, has guided the company to its strong current market position.

Club Car has achieved an outstanding historical record of consistent growth and profitability."

Tung continued, "It has been a pleasure to be associated with Club Car and its management. Our partnership has been successful in every respect."

"It has been especially rewarding for us to see the growth of Club Car's younger management throughout this period. We believe Kels will be a good partner to the Club Car management team and we wish the new company every success."

**Rates**  
As a result, financial markets are concerned that the Federal Reserve Board, the US central bank, will raise interest rates by the end of the year to cool the economy and keep a lid on inflation.

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BSc Civil Engineering, 10 years' experience in material testing, quality control, material scheduling and mix designs.
5. Quantity Surveyor  
Diploma in quantity surveying, 10 years' experience in scheduling, estimating and site measurements.
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BSc Civil Engineering, 5 years' experience in planning.
7. Draftsman  
Diploma in drafting, 5 years' experience in detailing and shop drawings.

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# Paper aviation — no child's play

The art of making paper planes is a science to Dr Ninomiya, a retired Japanese engineer whose books on paper-airplane design are best-sellers in Japan. He spends more than 10 hrs a day building, flying and photographing them.

By Owen Thomas

BOSTON: The sensei (master) of paper airplanes can't recall anything unexpected happening while flying one. "Always, something unexpected happens," Yasuaki Ninomiya explains.

But the question prompts a reminiscence from Dr Ninomiya, a retired Japanese engineer whose books on paper-airplane design are best sellers in Japan. It's the story of the roots of his fame.

On Christmas Eve 1966, his wife spotted a tiny newspaper item: The First Great International Paper Airplane Contest, sponsored by Scientific American magazine, was to be held in America the next month. Any Japanese who wanted to enter a plane could bring it to the Pan Am office and Pan Am would fly it to the US for free.

"Since I had been making (paper) airplanes from childhood," says Ninomiya, "I made racing planes and put eight of them in a box so as not to be broken, and asked Pan Am to send them." His planes — among the nearly 12,000 entries from 28 countries — arrived in good time to compete in the Pacific Basin division of the contest, held in San Francisco.

**Beautiful**

The rest is paper-aviation history.

"I won the grand prize in both duration and distance flights," reports Ninomiya (who requested written questions, and responded enthusiastically in kind — and in Japanese). "Since then, I've been living with paper airplanes. The small article was the beginning. I am good to my wife." A recent photo shows a delighted Ninomiya

posing in a room of his Yokohama home. The ceiling is thick with parked airplanes, hanging like sleek, white bats from their paper noses. He's been making "kami hikoki" for more than half a century now.

"I am one of those airplane fans who think an airplane is the most beautiful work of art a human has ever created," he says. "I like everything that relates to airplanes — from a real plane, to a model airplane, to movies in which an airplane appears." He has built rubber-band-powered planes, gas-powered models, and radio-controlled craft. He pilots a real one.

For 30 years, Ninomiya worked to develop microwave communications for Nippon Telegraph & Telephone. But the prizes he won in 1967 inspired him to bend his research skills toward another development project: the paper airplane. Not surprisingly, he couldn't find a job doing that. But he concluded that "it is a suitable theme for one person to pursue." So he did. "Making a paper airplane became a job you make and fly your own paper airplanes."

Today, he has the closest thing to a job perfecting paper airplanes. In 1976, the president of AG Industries in Osaka, Japan, met with Ninomiya after seeing his seven-volume "Collection of High Performance Paper Planes," three million copies of which have been sold in Japan in the last 15 years. Ninomiya became exclusive designer for AG Industries' Whiteman's paper airplane kits distributed in the United States by the company's subsidiary in Redmond, Wash.

In 1985, Ninomiya served as one of five judges at the Second Great International Paper Air-

plane Contest, held in Seattle. Since he retired in 1984, paper planes have been Ninomiya's career. He spends more than 10 hours a day building, flying, and photographing them.

These are not the folded paper darts you threw crookedly across third-period study hall. Carefully built, Ninomiya's laminated-paper models can be launched with a rubber-band catapult to soar for half a minute or more. Given just the right conditions of wind and launch, a flight of more than 10 minutes is possible.

"If you really want to experience, first hand, the joy of flight," he says, "I believe the most exciting opportunity available to most of us is to fly a miniature plane that you've made by your own efforts. That is why I highly recommend that you make and fly your own paper airplanes."

Advice

Such advice has certainly been heeded in his native country. Japanese swept eight of the 10 first prizes in the Second Great International Paper Airplane Contest three years ago. The Kinura Cup paper-airplane competition is held twice yearly in Tokyo, sponsored by a famous Japanese aircraft designer, Hidemasa Kinura. Hundreds of paper-flight enthusiasts gather every other month or so in several Japanese cities. Ninomiya is host to a monthly outing in Tokyo to fly planes and instruct beginners.

According to a newspaper survey this spring, flying paper airplanes ranks fourth among Japanese boys as an outdoor activity, and seventh among Japanese children overall. Ninomiya traces this popularity in part to the good showing made by Japanese entrants in the

1967 contest.

Many books on paper flight were published in Japan in the ensuing years, and more sophisticated laminated-paper designs evolved from folded-paper models. Japan's origami (paper folding) tradition also plays a part. Far from being an activity only for children, adults also participate in this hobby in Japan.

The science that a knowledgeable adult can apply to a simple delight can be seen in Dr Ninomiya's response to the question, "What are the keys to designing a paper airplane that performs well?"

(Non-aerophysicists may want to skip the next paragraph.)

"A real high-performance glider has a glide ratio of about 50 and a sinking speed around 0.5 metre a second," he says.

"On the other hand, since the Reynolds number of a paper airplane is smaller than that of a real aircraft by more than double figures, the gliding ratio of a paper plane is expected to reach only six or seven due to heavy air drag. But as far as the sink-

ing speed is concerned, a lightweight paper airplane can have the speed of about 0.5 to one metre a second, almost the same as that of a real high-performance glider."

The simpler answer: "The most important things in designing a real or a model aircraft are making the air drag as low as possible and making the airplane lightweight and solid."

To anyone interested in designing paper planes, he recommends the study of basic aerodynamics.

The Christian Science Monitor.

## Scientists discover undersea hot spring

By Randolph E. Schmid

WASHINGTON, (AP): Scientists probing the sea floor off the coast of Oregon have discovered a new field of hot springs, mineral deposits and exotic animal life, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced recently.

American Indians, mostly in what are now the Western states, ate caterpillars, cicadas, crickets, and grasshoppers. But those food customs, unlike some others, never caught on with the early white explorers and settlers.

There are humorous incidents in literature talking about early explorers and pioneers being fed these delights," says DeFoliart. "They really liked them... until they found out what they were."

For some reason, the Western aversion to eating insects is deep-seated. "It's hard to explain why," says DeFoliart, "except that we've had a stable agriculture for so long, we haven't had to go out and gather food in the fields and forests."

Many of the populations where insects are still used as food, people are still hunters and gatherers — at least partly. They're used to going out to get whatever food they can — and insects are part of that."

The influence of agricultural groups may also figure in Westerners' tendency to squirm at the thought of eating insects, DeFoliart says.

"It's the idea that if you see an insect, spray it. That the only good insect is a dead insect," he says.

He hopes to change that attitude.

"We're not trying to convince people that they should eat insects," he says. "But we need to recognize that insects are important as food elsewhere in the world. Plus, they're ecologically sound as a food source. They're much more sound than, say cutting down the rain forests to raise cattle. And nutritionally, they're just as good."

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## Rugby

## PAKISTAN SKIPPER SEEKS TEAM CHANGES

## Thistles aim to sting in Gulf tourney

DUBAI: The Cambrian Thistles, one of the star-studded sides appearing in the Gulf's biggest international rugby sevens tournament, have arrived in Dubai and are ready to provide stiff opposition in the event hosted by Dubai Exiles.

The multi-talented squad, which includes some of British rugby's leading names, flew in from London to take part in the two day challenge, sponsored by Emirates, the international airline of the UAE, in association with MMI, and beginning tomorrow.

Cambrian Thistles will be one of the teams to watch in the new Emirates International Trophy, while 16 of the premier Gulf sides including teams from the UAE, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain will battle it out for the Gulf Knockout title and a place in the prestigious Hong Kong Sevens tournament.

Leading the Thistles challenge is tour manager Alasdair MacHarg. Moments after arriving in Dubai, the former Scotland star spoke of his team's chances in the competition.

"We are all well aware of how tough the Dubai Exiles seven-a-side is, but we have a number of top British players in our squad including three of the Bristol side that won the Middlesex Sevens, former England captain Mike Harrison, and Scott Hastings, one of Scotland's best young international players, so we have a good chance of doing well," he said.

Visiting the sevens for the first time, MacHarg has seen a great amount of top-class rugby action. Over a period of twelve years the uncompromising Scot was capped 44 times for his country and his experience will be an added boost for the Thistles in their attempts to land the Emirates International Trophy.

Their first match, set for 4.10 on Thursday afternoon, promises to be one of the matches of the day. Their opponents are the Bahrain-based Warblers, the side which regularly features a strong contingent of rugby's All Blacks.

## Mancini to fight again after 4 years

NEW YORK, Nov 22, (UPI): Former lightweight champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini will fight for the first time in four years March 6, taking on undefeated Hector Camacho in Reno, Nevada, the bout's promoter said yesterday.

Mancini, 29-3 with 23 knockouts, held the World Boxing Association lightweight title from 1982-84. The 27-year-old from Youngstown, Ohio, last fought Feb. 16, 1985, when he suffered a second straight loss to Livingstone Bramble.

## Held

Camacho, 26, of Puerto Rico, is 33-0 with 16 knockouts and once held the World Boxing Council lightweight title.

The 12-round fight at the Lawlor Centre will carry a total purse of over \$2 million and will be broadcast on a closed-circuit and pay-per-view basis, promoter Lou Falcigno said. The fighters are scheduled to meet at the 140-pound limit.

## Asim reach semifinals

ASIM Cricket Club reached the semifinals of the Shabbir Memorial Trophy with an eight-wicket victory over Lucky Star at the EPI ground earlier this week. Lucky Star, after winning the toss, batted first but were only able to muster 179 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 30 overs. They had a good start from their openers who put on 60 runs for the first wicket before Waqar was out for 25, bowled by Rashed.

## Difficulty

Arif played well for his 77 while Aftab hit 24. For Asim, Waseem took two wickets for 28.

## Al Hilal edge Unity for title

AL HILAL Hockey Club outplayed Unity 2-0 in the long-delayed final of the 1987 Al Hilal Cup final to take the trophy at the Hockey Grounds in Ahmadi earlier this week.

Al Hilal's Gohar and Zubair were a treat to watch. Both of them put in an excellent performance while the Unity players were not up to the mark on that day.

## Rival

Unity missed their centre-half Afra and found it difficult to coordinate their moves. Although Liaquat, Nasir and Iftikhar raided the Al Hilal goal, they failed to stop the defence too strong. Gohar scored the first goal for Al Hilal off a pass he received



Imran: wants time to work out his strategy

## 49ers brush aside Redskins

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 22, (AP): John Taylor returned a punt 95 yards for a touchdown and Joe Montana accounted for three scores, sparking San Francisco to a 37-21 victory over Washington last night.

The loss put the Redskins in peril of becoming the ninth straight National Football League champion to fail to repeat.

In a battle of survival involving the NFL's winningest teams of the 1980's, the 49ers prevailed, thanks in large part to Taylor's return. It was the first of two touchdowns in the final 4:24 of the second quarter.

## Rockets overcome Hawks

NEW YORK Nov 22, (AP): Rounding up National Basketball Association games last night:

Rockets 117, Hawks 113

Sleepy Floyd scored five of his 20 points in the final 2 minutes and 20 seconds of play to spark the Houston Rockets to 117-113 victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Floyd also contributed 12 assists as Houston had six players in double figures. Buck Johnson and Akeem Olajuwon each had 18 points, while Otis Thorpe added 16, Tony Brown 14 and Mike Woodson 13. Olajuwon also had 14 rebounds.

Atlanta, 6-4, was led by

ISLAMABAD, Nov 22, (Reuter): Imran Khan has refused to captain Pakistan on the forthcoming cricket tours of Australia and New Zealand until changes are made in the team, the official APP news agency reported yesterday.

Pakistan named Imran last week as captain in place of Javed Miandad, who skippered Pakistan in their 1-0 series win at home over Australia. Imran was not available to play against the Australians.

"Unfortunately I find myself incapable of accepting the job unless changes are made in the team," APP quoted Imran as saying on return from a four-day visit to India.

Announce Imran said he had asked the chairman of the cricket board selection committee not to announce the team before consulting him on his return.

"I wanted time to work out my strategy for the team combination required for the Australian tour," Imran said.

Imran did not say what changes he wanted and no comment was available from the board or the selectors.

Senior selector Intikhab Alam announced the 17-man squad last Thursday, saying it had been chosen in consultation with Imran and vice-captain Mian-

dad. Match-winning leg-spinner Abdul Qadir has opted out of the tour for what Intikhab called family reasons.

The tour to Australia runs from December 1 to January 18 and the visit to New Zealand from January 20 to March 16.

Pakistan are to take part in the limited overs World Series Cup in Australia, with the host country and West Indies, before going to New Zealand where they play three Tests.

The team that was announced earlier this week by Intikhab was: Imran Khan (captain), Javed Miandad (vice-captain), Mudassar Nazar, Salim Malik, Rameez Raja, Moinul Atiq, Salim Yousaf, Tauseef Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Salim Jaffer, Saeed Anwar, Sajid Ali, Wasim Haider, Mushtaq Ahmed, Mohsin Kamal, Aamer Malik, Ejaz Ahmed.

Mushtaq Ahmed is the replacement for Qadir. He is an excellent leg spinner and came to prominence during the tour by England last year.

Among the unfamiliar names in the party, Wasim Haider is a medium-pace bowler and useful lower-order batsman. Intikhab said that he had the right attitude towards the game and hoped that he would improve during the tour.

Standings

American Conference

Western Division					
Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Denver	6	6	0	237	255
Los Angeles	6	6	0	219	234
Seattle	6	6	0	212	238
San Diego	4	8	0	167	230
Kansas City	3	8	1	181	218

National Conference					
Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
New York	7	5	0	253	246
Philadelphia	7	5	0	283	254
Phoenix	7	5	0	262	274
Washington	6	6	0	278	307
Dallas	2	10	0	196	292

Eastern Division					
Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
X-Buffalo	11	1	0	252	154
New England	7	5	0	196	225
Indianapolis	6	6	0	226	218
New York	5	6	1	239	245
Central Division	5	7	0	195	240
Cincinnati	9	3	0	360	240
Houston	8	4	0	301	277
Cleveland	7	5	0	204	193
Pittsburgh	2	10	0	229	333

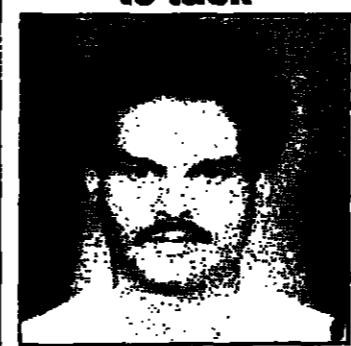
## Hubbell dies

SCOTSDALE, Arizona, Nov 22, (AP): Baseball Hall of Famer Carl Hubbell, who was 252 games and was perhaps best remembered from his consecutive strike outs of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmy Foxx, Al Simmons and Joe Cronin, has died. He was 85.

Hubbell died at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital yesterday, two days after he was injured when he lost control of his car near his Mesa home and struck a pole.

Rookies Danny Manning and Charles Smith led the Clippers with 21 and 19 points, respectively.

## Al Ahli Bank take OKCC to task



Sandeep: unbeaten 38

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OKCC batted first and were all out for 77. They were never comfortable against some accurate bowling from M. Salim and S. Ayub.

Ayub took four wickets while Sandeep took three. Jorun two and A. Ghulamaly one.

Al Ahli lost an early wicket but Sandeep, with an unbeaten 38, and Salim (23) hammered the OKCC bowlers and took them to victory. Al Ahli lost three wickets only before they crossed the target required for victory.

Al Ahli now meet Bombay Youth on Dec 2.



## Patterson to be fit for 2nd Test against Aussies

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 22, (Reuter): Australia, still in shock following their nine-wicket defeat in the first Test, received more bad news today when they learned West Indies paceman Patrick Patterson would be fit for the second Test.

Patterson, reputed to be the fastest bowler in cricket, bowled just 19 balls in the first Test in Brisbane before hobbling off the field with a knee injury.

Unlikely

The other three prongs of the touring side's pace attack, Malcolm Marshall, Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh picked up 19 of the 20 Australian wickets to fall.

Team physiotherapist Dennis Wright said Patterson was unlikely to play in the four-day match against Victoria starting on Friday but should be fit for the second Test in Perth from December 2.

"He has improved out of sight in the past couple of days. He did a bit of bowling in the nets yesterday and pulled up fine," Wright said.

West Indies captain Viv Richards expected to be fit to play against Victoria after recovering from aggravating an old ankle injury on the final day of the Test.

The Victorian match offers Dean Jones a gilt-edged opportunity to reclaim his bat-biting place in the Australian side.

Jones, made 126 man in Brisbane after a poor run with the bat, is first in line to replace Graeme Wood who is expected to be dropped after two failures in the first Test which ended yesterday.

Australian paceman Bruce Reid returned to grade cricket over the weekend but will not be fit in time for the second Test in Perth from his home ground in Perth.

US and Soviet Union agree to test athletes in training

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The agreement, which is subject to approval by both National Olympic Committees, outlines a plan that would subject athletes of one country to drug testing by officials of the other country twice a year, the newspaper said.

The document was signed by Baron Pittenger, executive director of the United States Olympic Committee, and Vasily Gromyko, deputy chairman of the Soviet State Committee for physical culture and sports, it said.

The Times quoted hurdler Edwin Moses, one of four Americans who negotiated the agreement, as saying: "As we develop more details, I think we can begin to reduce the paranoia between our athletes and those in the Soviet Union."

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